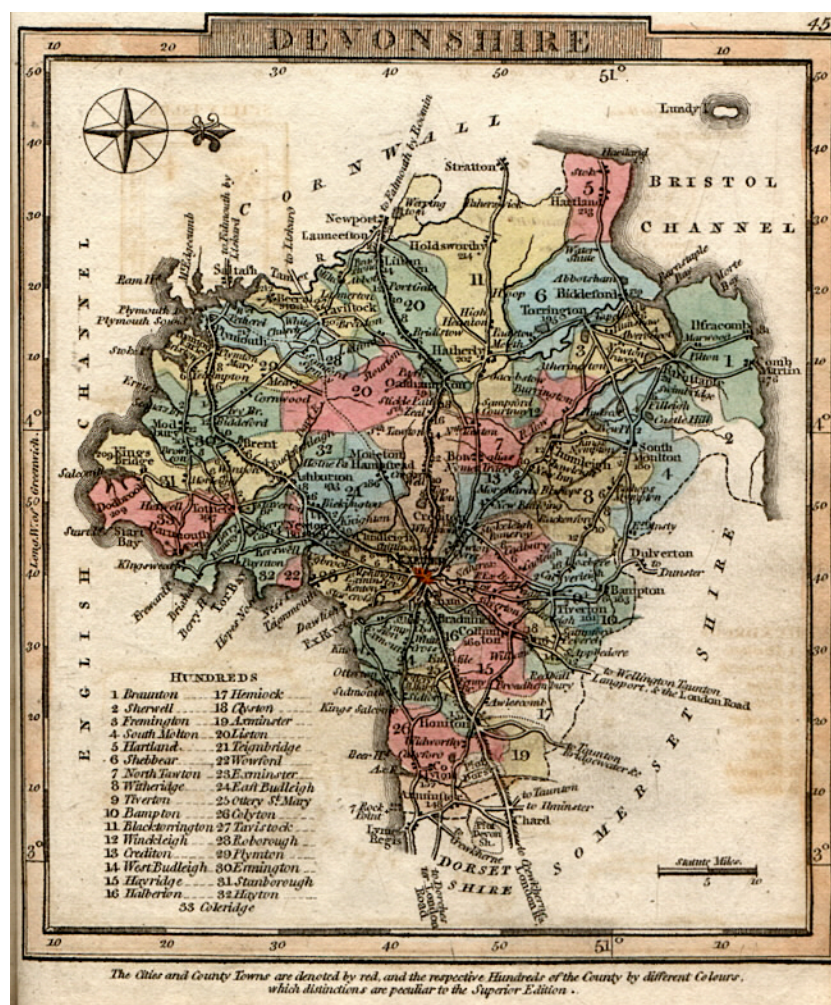


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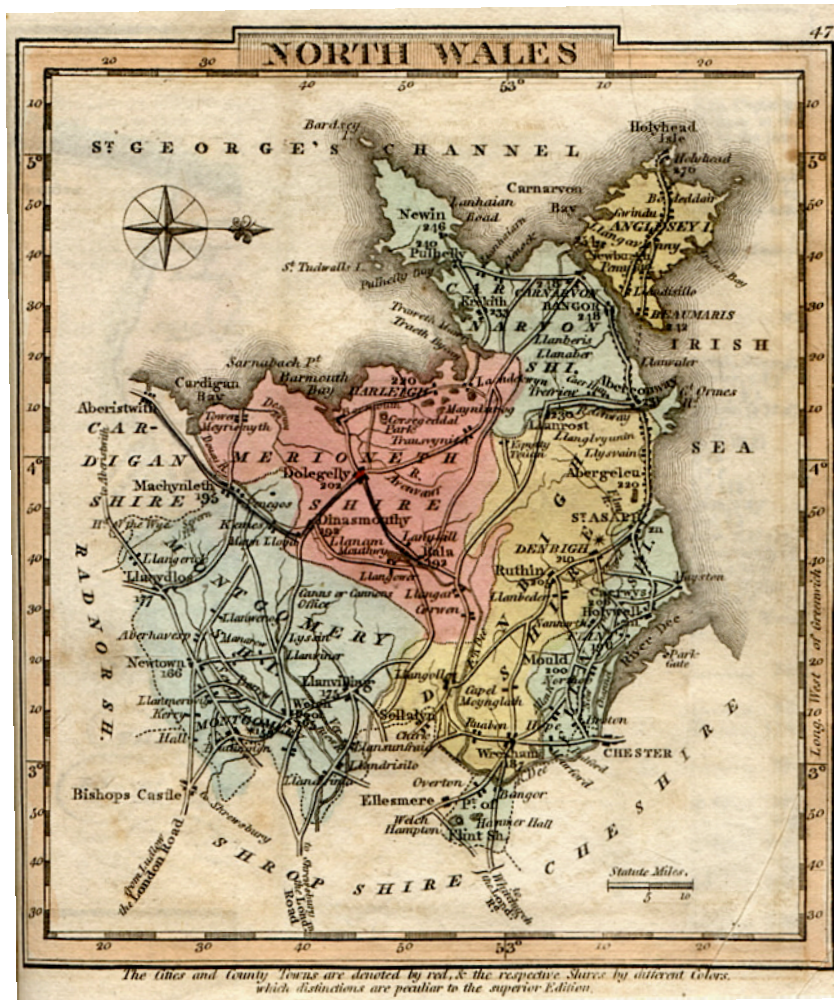
Charles Cooke

During the first decade of the nineteenth century Charles Cook published a series of guidebooks entitled *The Modern British traveller*, probably finished by 1810. These little county guides with maps were written by George Alexander Cooke and were titled *Topographical and statistical description of the county of ...*, or similar. They were all undated although dates in the text, watermarks or ownership inscriptions may provide clues for some counties. On completion they were reissued as a set of twenty-six volumes entitled *Topography of Great Britain* and some of the plates were retouched for uniformity of information. Both the individual guides and these sets, which were often dispersed, remained in print with minor changes for two decades, becoming bibliographically rather problematic.



The maps which Cooke included in these works were after John Cary (see 1789) and they appeared together as a county atlas in an 1824 road-book by George Carrington Gray. This work, which has a pictorial half-title and a small folding map of England and Wales as a frontispiece, was available both with and without the atlas. The maps are about 106/8 x 123/7 mm. and have hand colour in the 'superior' edition:

*England & Wales; South of Scotland\*; Cumberland; Northumberland; Westmoreland; Lancashire; Cheshire; Index map to Yorkshire; Durham; East Riding of Yorkshire; North Riding of Yorkshire; West Riding of Yorkshire; Lincolnshire; Cambridgeshire; Norfolk; Suffolk; Essex; Middlesex; Hertfordshire; Buckinghamshire; Bedfordshire; Huntingdonshire; Rutlandshire; Northamptonshire; Nottinghamshire; Shropshire; Staffordshire; Warwickshire; Leicestershire; Monmouthshire; Herefordshire; Worcestershire; Gloucestershire; Oxfordshire; Berkshire; Surry; Kent; Sussex; Wiltshire; Hampshire; Dorsetshire; Somersetshire; Cornwall; Devonshire; South Wales; North Wales.*



Some plates were retouched and numbers were added to nearly all of them, starting with 0 for the miniature one of England and Wales, which is odd but not unique (see 1764b). Below the bottom border of plate 2\* are the signature of 'Neele & Son' and the imprint of Sherwood Jones & Co. with the date 'Sepr. 8.1823'. There are separate maps for the Yorkshire Ridings following the example of John Luffman (see 1803a). The maps of both Suffolk and Northamptonshire, which should have been 16 and 24, were not numbered. Three maps are not miniatures:

- plate 5 is a small square one of the Lake District;
- plate 25, though not numbered, is a folding map of Derbyshire;
- the final plate is a small folding map of the Isle of Thanet dated 1817.



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*Cooke's Topographical library.* London, Sherwood, Jones & Co., (1826-).

