

Imprint No.: **1818.090**

Short Title: **John Taylor's Arator (Fourth Edition).**

Author: Taylor, John (1753-1824), of Caroline.

Title: Arator, being a series of agricultural essays, practical and political; in sixty-four numbers. By John Taylor. President of the Agricultural Society of Virginia. Fourth edition, revised and enlarged.

Place Issued: Petersburg

Issuing Press: Whitworth & Yancey for John M. Carter

Description: 240 pgs.; (12mo)

Notes: Taylor originally published these essays in serial form in Washington's *Spirit of Seventy-Six* between December 1810 and February 1812; that journal was conducted then by brothers John M. and James Carter, with their sister Rebecca, widow of the paper's founder, Edward C. Stanard; while their paper closed in 1814, John M. Carter retained the copyright to Taylor's *Arator*, which he had first published as a separate edition in mid-1813; just before his journal died in 1814, he published a revised and enlarged second edition, , and then a third edition in 1817 from a friendly Baltimore press; by 1818, Carter was managing a Brunswick County plantation, employing Whitworth & Yancey of nearby Petersburg to publish a fourth, fifth, and sixth editions of the now-standard sixty-four essay set; this item is first in that sequence.

The three editions are typographically identical, except for a change in the edition-number text on the title page in each one; that consistency indicates that Whitworth & Yancey kept the entire text in standing type until demand for the title waned, reprinting a "new" edition after the stock of the preceding one had been depleted; today this trade practice would be considered "printings" rather than "editions," and publishers would not alter the title page.

IVP Associated Names: Thomas Whitworth (443); Francis G. Yancey (463); John M. Carter (084)

Bibliographic Notations

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