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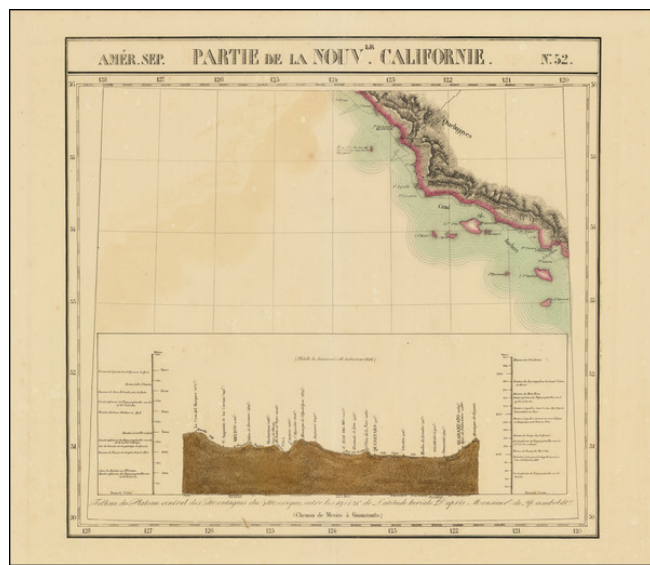
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## [Los Angeles, Santa Barbara & Central Coast ] Amer. Sep. No. 52 Partie De La Nouvle. Californie

**Stock#:** 93539  
**Map Maker:** Vandermaelen  
**Date:** 1825  
**Place:** Brussels  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 19.5 x 18 inches  
**Price:** \$ 575.00



### Description:

#### *The Earliest Map of Los Angeles & Santa Barbara Region*

This 1825 map by Philippe Marie Vandermaelen offers a detailed depiction of the regions surrounding Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, the Channel Islands, and Central Coast. It is recognized for being the first comprehensive cartographic representation of these areas, stretching from Catalina Island and San Pedro Bay to just north of Morro Bay.

This map hails from a transformative era in cartographic history when the world was being mapped on a uniform scale for the first time. Vandermaelen, a Brussels-based cartographer, was at the forefront of this evolution. His grand project, a six-volume atlas designed to form an immense globe when assembled as globe gores, represents a significant milestone in the field of cartography.

The map provides invaluable insight into the early development of California's central and southern coast, particularly the establishment of the mission system. It names several missions from San Gabriel in the south to Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Mission San Antonio. Prominent geographical features like Mission San Fernando, Pt. Dume, and Pt. Fermin are also marked.

Vandermaelen's detailed mapping of this region is particularly notable given the time it was created. During the early 19th century, American publishers were largely neglecting the Western United States. By



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contrast, Vandermaelen undertook the challenge of charting this territory across 20 sheets, providing an unprecedented view of the area. This map serves as a testament to Vandermaelen's visionary approach to cartography, as well as a valuable record of the early development of Southern and Central California.

**Detailed Condition:**

Original hand-color.