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Map of That Portion of the Boundary between the United States and Mexico From the Pacific Coast To The Junction of the Gila and Colorado Rivers . . . Showing also the Limits of the Treaty Negotiated by the Hon. James Gadsden . . . February 1855

Stock#: 37384
Map Maker: Gray

Date: 1855
Place: Washington
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 49 x 21 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of Gray's map of the region from Southern California to the area around El Paso, Texas, the final documentation of the boundary between the United States and Mexico. This ended a saga of disputes and incursions that date back to Louisiana Purchase and Spain's control of Mexico.

Following the resolution of the war with Mexico, the first Boundary Commission, under the guidance of Nicholas P. Trist, used a map of Mexico published by John Disturnell in negotiating the treaty. Differences soon arose with the treaty regarding the actual depiction on Disturnell's map of the Rio Grande and El Paso. The lands in question were particularly important to the prospective railroad route to California and its newly discovered gold mines. Once it became clear to the commissioners that the treaty description did not accurately depict the US intentions, a new set of negotiations resulted, which led to the US's purchase of additional lands in 1854, under the auspices of the Gadsden Territory.

Detailed Condition:

Minor creases and some minor discoloration at one fold.