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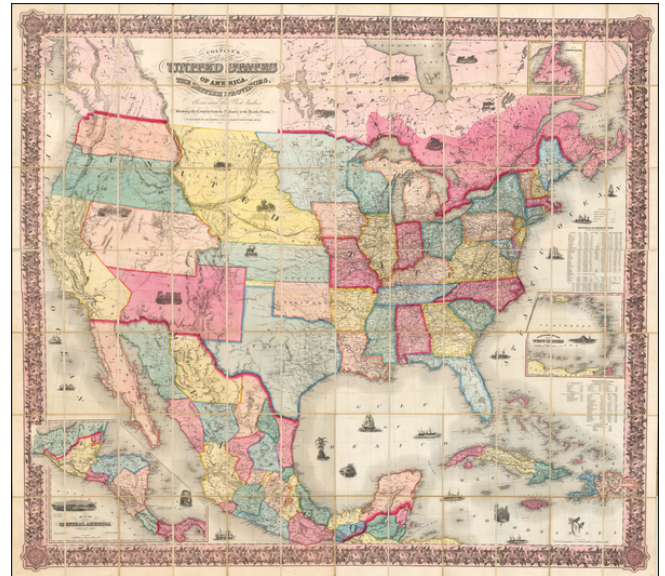
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Colton's Map of the United States of America, The British Provinces, Mexico and The West Indies Showing The Countries From the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean 1854

Stock#: 46109
Map Maker: Colton
Date: 1854
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 60 x 53 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare Case Map Example of Colton's Finest Large Format Map of the United States

Nice example of Colton's 4 sheet map of the United States.

The map is generally found as a wall map, but this rare example has been segmented and laid on linen, with marbled end papers and is in extraordinary condition. This is the second 1854 edition of the map, and the first to show the creation of Kansas. Nebraska extends to the Rocky Mountains and the Canadian Border and still alternatively called Northwest Territory.

Oregon and Washington extend to the Rocky Mountains. The map is the first to show the modern boundary for Indian Territory, although a section below Kansas and above Texas is colored and shown as separate public lands, an update from the prior edition of the map, where this strip of land was still part of Texas (and was not yet identified as "unorganized territory") and would later become the Indian Territory / Oklahoma Panhandle.

The map shows a pre-Gadsden Purchase border with Mexico and post-Fremont cartography in the West, with exceptional detail in the Rocky Mountains.

New Mexico extends to California as does Utah, Kansas is shown but not named, the Oklahoma Panhandle



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is colored differently than the Indian Territory which it would join, plus other anomalies that would be sorted out in the coming decades. The map is covered with small vignettes, including beaver, deer and other wildlife; native Americans; settlers in covered wagons; sailing ships; etc.

Wheat remarks that the map, "so far as the West is concerned, is an atavistic though beautifully done performance. Many towns are listed in the Gold Region, and several in Utah..."

Provenance: Warren Heckrotte Collection, PBA Galleries, December 2015; Henry Stevens, November 1983.

Detailed Condition:

Segmented and laid on linen. Original Slipcase.