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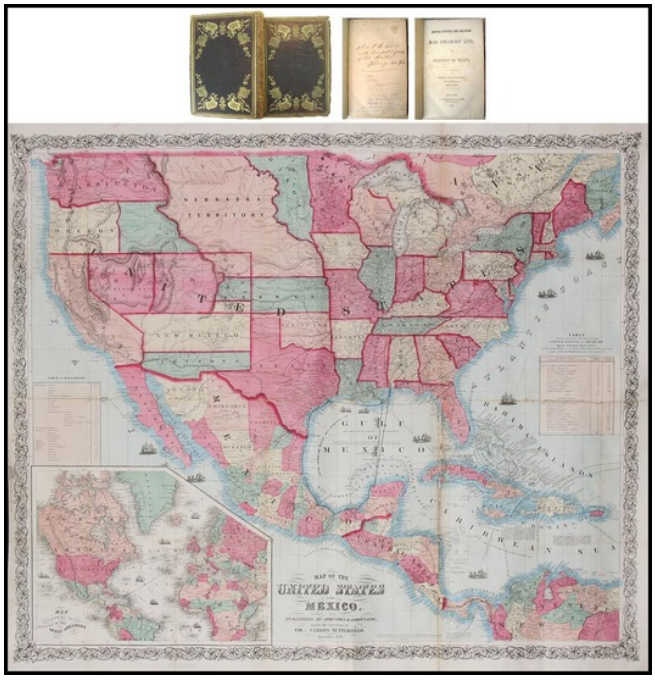
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# Map of the United States and Mexico. Published . . . Under the Direction of Col. Carlos Butterfield. December 1859 [with Butterfield's promotional tract!]

**Stock#:** 11596
**Map Maker:** Johnson & Browning

**Date:** 1859
**Place:** New York
**Color:** Hand Colored
**Condition:** VG
**Size:** 38 x 32 inches

**Price:** SOLD




**Description:**

Decorative large format separately issued maps of the United States, naming Colona (Colorado Territory).

Carlos Butterfield was an early advocate of the creation of regular a regular steamship and mail service between the United States (either New Orleans or Mobile) and the various major Mexican ports in the Gulf of Mexico. Butterfield published a promotional tract for his project, which was widely disseminated immediately prior to the Civil War. While copies of the promotional tract are not uncommon, only a few copies were bound with this exceptional map of the United States, showing among other things one of the earliest appearances of the Territory of Colona on a map, and one of the very few published in the United States.

The map was published by Johnson & Browning, who had only recently separated from JH Colton & Company in 1859 to commence their own publishing venture in New York and later Richmond, Virginia, the map is rich with details, most notably, the overland route from Franklin, Missouri to El Paso, Texas and then on to Los Angeles. The map is also one of the first appearances of the name Denver City on a map. The Denver City Town Company was founded by William H. Larimer from Leavenworth, Kansas Territory. It is quite possible that this map represents the earliest appearance of the name Denver City on

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a map, pre-dating the appearance of the name on JH Colton's 1860 edition of the Territories of New Mexico and Utah map, which is one of the earliest known appearances. Not in Wheat or Howes. The map has been flattened and archivally backed, with minor restorations to a few folds, but is in generally nice condition.

**Detailed Condition:**