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**State Geological Survey of California J.D. Whitney, State Geologist. Map of the Region
Adjacent To The Bay of San Francisco . . . 1873**

Stock#: 17836
Map Maker: Whitney
Date: 1873
Place: New York
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 48 x 36 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Extremely rare large format map of the area around San Francisco Bay of the highest importance. At a scale of 2 miles to the inch, it is the most detailed and prolific map of the region produced to date and a landmark in the regional mapping of California.

"Whitney gathered around him in California a remarkable team of field workers, including Clarence King and William Brewer who, with others, surveyed the State using triangulation... it was through this experience of surveying and mapping in California that the great Federal, post-Civil War surveys of the western interior of the United States were initiated. One of these was led by King who in 1879 became the first Director of the United States Geological Survey" -- California 49.

The present example of the map is believed to have been one of a small group of uncut unjoined examples of the map which were de-accessioned by the University of California, Berkeley in the early 1980s. The



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map is rare in any form, with the last catalogued example of the map we have been able to locate being an example offered by the most famous California Antiquarian Bookseller of the 20th Century, John Howell Books (Catalogue 50:1625A).

Whitney's map is the first map of the Bay Area prepared from the results of the State Geological Survey, and compiled under the direction of Josiah D. Whitney. It is a truly spectacular production, illustrating the region with tremendous precision. This is apparently the third state of the map, which was first issued in 1867 and revised in 1868 and 1873. We have not been able to track any examples of the earlier states of the map being offered for sale at auction or in a dealer catalogue in the past 50 years.

Detailed Condition:

Flawless example; uncut and unjoined