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(Slavery) The Wreck of the Great Expediency Among the Breakers of War, Equity, and the Constitution, Down Salt River: Or, The Principal Plank in the Chicago Platform and the Last Plan in the Democratic Platform--Nonintervention

Stock#: 27795
Map Maker: New York Illustrated News

Date: 1864
Place: New York
Color: Uncolored
Condition: Good
Size: 15.5 x 9.5 inches

Price: SOLD

Description:

Wood engraved political satire, critiquing the Democratic Party's attitude towards slavery in 1864, the so-called nonintervention policy, which held that the Union should not interfere with slaves, particularly those who found their way to Union Army camps during the Civil War.

The point of the cartoon is clear: although the Democrats argue that not interfering with slavery is the expedient approach, their argument does not hold up to just, law, equity, or the Constitution. On a rock in the "Salt River", a group of African American soldiers can be seen gesturing against the ship "Expediency" which is conned by a devilish hag holding aloft the standard of slavery.

The satire was published in the *New-York Illustrated News* on March 19, 1864, roughly one year before the end of the Civil War.

Detailed Condition:
Newspaper sheet. Sheet toned and foxed. Contemporary slip of text onlaid to the left margin.