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[The Surrender at Appomattox Courthouse]

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Map Maker: Nast
Date: May 20, 1865
Place: New York
Color: Uncolored
Condition:
Size: 21.5 x 15.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of Thomas Nast's illustration of General Lee's surrender to General Grant at Appomattox.

Fascinating and evocative Civil War Illustration, juxtaposing Lee's surrender at Appomattox, ending the Civil War and Christ's entry into Jerusalem.

The inset image on the right shows Robert E. Lee's Surrender to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse. Grant appears to be holding out his hand to Lee in peace, with the title "Surrender of General Lee to Lieutenant General Grant". The larger banner beneath this inset reads, "Honor the Illustrious Dead. And Heartily Sympathize with the Sufferings of our Gallant Heroes and Their Families".

On the left is an inset image showing Christ's entry into Jerusalem, which occurred on the same date in the year 30 A.D. The illustration shows Christ, seated on a donkey, entering the Holy City, with caption, "The Saviors Entry Into Jerusalem". Beneath that is a banner which reads, "We Hold Out the Olive Branch to Our Erring and Misguided Brethren of the Southern States, and Pledge to All of Them Who Are Loyal a Hearty Welcome to All the Benefits of a Free Republic".

Other subtitles include "Liberty," "Union," "Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow," and "Blessed are the Peace Makers". Surrounding the main images are the images of Heavenly Hosts, appearing to celebrate the end of the Civil War.

To the left of the illustration are the words, "We Recognize His Hand and His Kind Providence in Bringing This Nation So Near to a Triumphant End to The Mighty Contest for Freedom and Good Government." To the right of the illustration, we read, "The Armies of the Republic have by the Blessing of God Triumphed Over the Foes of the Union, The Constitution, and the Laws."



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