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The Crisis in South Africa -- Stanford's New Map of The Orange Free State, The Southern Part of The South African Republic, The Northern Frontier of Cape Colony, Natal, Basutoland, and Delagoa Bay in Portugese East Africa 1899

Stock#: 42096
Map Maker: Stanford
Date: 1899
Place: London
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 39 x 27.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Flawless example of the first edition of this scarce regional map of South Africa and neighboring regions, published during the "Crisis in South Africa."

On December 30, 1880, a Boer republic was proclaimed and fighting broke out until the treaty of Pretoria (April 5, 1881) was signed that gave the South Africa Republic independence, though under the suzerainty of Great Britain. This treaty did not really solve the problems of the area, for Kruger, the president of the Republic, felt that the British were planning to annex the rich Transvaal, while the British felt that Kruger ultimately wished to drive them out of South Africa.

The mistrust led to the October 12, 1899 declaration of war between Britain and the South African Republic and their ally the Orange Free State. This map was issued shortly after the war started. It shows the Orange Free State and the Transvaal, with the main African cities of Johannesburg and Pretoria. Detail is impressive, with the roads, towns, rivers, and railroads clearly depicted.

A revised edition was issued in 1900.

Detailed Condition:

Dissected and laid on linen, as issued.