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Colton's Map of the United States of America, The British Provinces, Mexico, The West Indies and Central America . . . 1859

Stock#: 51357
Map Maker: Colton & Thayer
Date: 1859
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 40.5 x 33 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare 1859 edition of Colton's two sheet Map of the United States, first issued in 1848.

While Colton's larger 4 sheet wall map of the US and his smaller pocket map of the United States appear periodically on the market, this 2 sheet map is quite scarce.

The map includes elaborate grapevine borders including 10 vignettes of various places including Willamette Falls in Oregon, the Capitol Building, an incomplete Washington Monument, Astoria Oregon, Mexican's catching cattle, and the Valley of Connecticut from Roanoake. This is possibly the rarest of all Colton maps showing the US from coast to coast. This late edition, which includes Thayer's imprint, is most likely an update released in response to the surge of interest in the West associated with the Colorado Gold Rush of 1859.

The map includes up to date western territorial borders, numerous important western routes from the 1840s and 1850s (Fremont, Kearny, Marcy, Pacific RR Surveys, etc.) and extensive annotations within the map, especially on the plains just east of the Rocky Mountains.

The western territorial configurations are correct to the beginning of 1859, immediately prior to the inclusion of Colona as an ephemeral name for Colorado.

Detailed Condition:

Flattened and detached from original covers, with original covers present.