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## Forêt de l'île Sitkha (côte n. e. de l'Amérique).

**Stock#:** 70842  
**Map Maker:** Thierry Frères / Postels / von Lütke  
**Date:** 1831  
**Place:** Paris  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:**  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Beautiful antique lithograph of a forest landscape on Alaska's Baranof Island, which was then part of Russian America, from an image drawn by Alexander Filippovich Postels.

Curiously, the lithograph depicts three Tlingit natives dressed in toga-like garments like Classical figures.

This is plate 8 from the atlas to accompany the First French edition of the account of Frédéric Lütke's voyage around the world: *Voyages autour du Monde Fait Par Ordre de Sa Majesté L'Empereur Nicolas Ier. sur la Corvette Le Seniavine, pendant les années 1826, 1827, 1828, & 1829, Sous le Commandement de Frédéric Lütke...*

The atlas included 51 lithographed plates and 3 maps.

The voyage book is extremely rare and was last offered for sale by Christie's Paris, in 2014, where it made over 50,000 euros.

### The Voyage of the Seniavine

Lütke's voyage was one of many Russian scientific naval surveys in the first part of the 19th century. Amid the tensions of the early 1820s over borders and fishing rights in the North Pacific involving Russia, Great Britain, and the United States, the tsar originally intended to send the Seniavin to the region as a warship. When these issues were resolved in the Russian-American and Anglo-Russian conventions of 1824 and



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1825, the Seniavin instead was sent to survey the Alaskan and Asian coasts. The book, based upon the voyage and published in French in the early 1830s, offered new information of great interest to geographers and the wider scientific community in Europe at this time. The voyage of the Seniavin resulted in novel charts and names for new islands and geographical features in the Bering Sea and wider stretches of the Pacific Ocean. Litke visited New Archangel (present-day Sitka), the capital of Russian America, as well as Unalaska, the Pribilof Islands, Saint Matthew Island, and the Commander Islands in the Bering Sea.

**Detailed Condition:**