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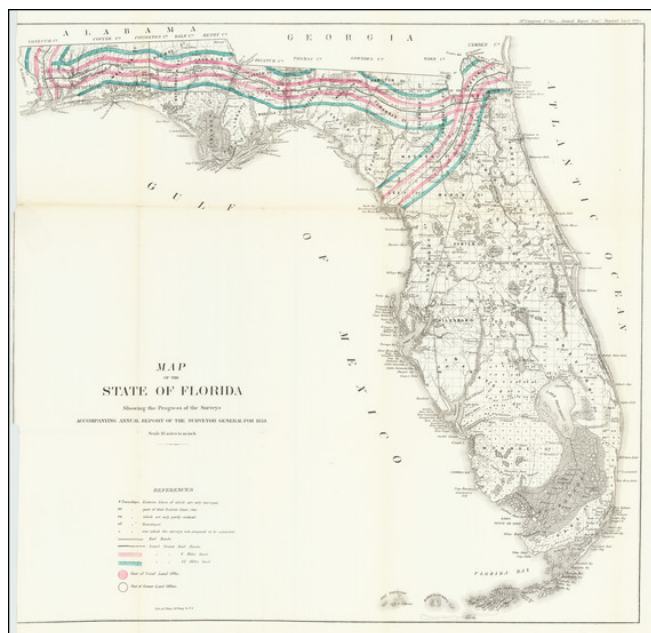
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Map of the State of Florida Showing the Progress of the Surveys Accompanying Annual Report of the Surveyor General for 1859.

Stock#: 72325dt
Map Maker: Bien
Date: 1859
Place: New York
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 25 x 23.5 inches
Price: \$975.00



Description:

Scarce Railroad Land Grant Issue.

Scarce issue of the 1859 State of Florida survey progress map, lithographed by Julius Bien in New York, intended to show the extent of three railroad land grants in northern Florida.

The more commonly encountered 1859 maps are also by Julius Bien, and illustrate part of the railroad lines, but they have the approval of Francis L. Dancy underneath the title block, not the extended key seen here.

The "Land Grant Rail Roads" are:

- The Florida Rail Road. Extending from Amelia Island to Gainesville.
- The St. Johns River to Pensacola Central R.R. Extending from Jacksonville to a junction with the last railroad just north of Pensacola.
- The Florida & Alabama R.R. Extending from Pensacola north to Alabama.

Two main limits are shown; the 6-mile limit (in pink), and the 15-mile limit (in green).



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Around this time, railroad land grants became an extremely important issue in American politics, infrastructure development, and land use.

Rarity

The map appeared in *39th Congress 1st Sess.--Annual report Comr. General Land Office*. But, despite the fact that it was a government report publication, it is quite scarce today. Library of Congress has an example, as does the State Library of Florida. But this is the first time we have offered it for sale, and it is not in the Touchton Map Library.

Detailed Condition:

Old folds, with minor thinning. Neatline trimmed away from the top and bottom of the left edge. Original hand-color. Very Good+ for this type of map.