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Index Map of the Civil Code of California Designed and Executed By Curtis Lindley . . . [bound into] Revised Laws of the State of California; In Four Codes: Political, Civil, Civil Procedure and Penal . . .

Stock#: 84298
Map Maker: Lindley / Gelwicks
Date: 1871
Place: Sacramento
Color: (See Description)
Condition: VG
Size: 21 x 19 inches (map size)
Price: \$ 1,800.00



Description:

Finely executed info-graphic map, illustrating the organizational structure of the laws codified in the Civil Code of California in 1872.

The map is folded into Volume 2 of the 1872 California Civil Code, which became the foundational basis for California's modern Civil Code, following an intense 4 year period where a commission appointed by Governor Henry H. Haight undertook a complete revisions of California's statutory laws and legal system.

The graphic was the work of a then 21 year old Curtis Holbrook Lindley, who would go on to become America's foremost mining lawyer and a confidant of Herbert Hoover, who retained Lindley to establish the first legal department for the Food and Drug Administration, during the period Hoover led the department in 1917.

Lindley's graphic is a work of fine execution, employing a unique organizational style for both identifying different sections of the Civil Code and referencing their location in the code. This elegant graphic seems to have been largely overlooked by scholars and collectors.

The map is contained in Volume 2 of California's Civil Code of 1872, being the first edition of the proposed code of laws for the State of California, as adopted in 1872. The Political Code is no longer in force, but the other three remain the fundamental basis of California law.



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Detailed Condition:

Contemporary three-quarter sheep over marbled boards, raised bands and red and black lettering pieces to spines. Moderate rubbing and scuffing to boards, which are detached but secured by cords, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, end leaves detached and lightly edge worn. Moderate toning to interior, negligible light foxing in a few places, slight crease to gutter of title page, faint offsetting to folding plate, which has a small clean tear to its inner edge