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## (Statue of Liberty) [Invitations to 1884 presentation and 1886 unveiling of the Statue of Liberty to M. Lahure] [3 items]

**Stock#:** 84433  
**Map Maker:** Various Makers  
**Date:** 1884 1886  
**Place:** Paris and New York  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:**  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

The three invitations are all addressed to one Monsieur Lahure, and relate to the official presentation and inauguration ceremonies for the Statue of Liberty, including the 1884 presentation ceremony held in Paris at the ateliers of metalworkers Gaget, Gauthier & Cie, as well as the dedication ceremony in New York presided over by U.S. President Grover Cleveland on Oct. 28, 1886.

1. Printed invitation for the Statue of Liberty dedication, sent to Monsieur Lahure, from Ferdinand de Lesseps, in the name of the Union Franco-Américaine:

*Union Franco-Américaine: Monument Commémoratif de l'Indépendance. Présentation Officielle a S. Exc. Le Ministre des Etats-Unis de la Statue La Liberté Éclairant Le Monde. Le Comte Ferdinand de Lesseps au nom de l'Union Franco Américaine, prie Monsieur Lahure de lui faire l'honneur de venir assister à la Presentation Officielle de la Statue "La Liberté éclairant de Monde," qui sera faite à S. Exc. Monsieur Morton, Ministre plenipotentiaire des Etats-Unis en présence de Monsieur Jules Ferry, Président du Conseil, Ministre des Affaires Etrangères. Le Cérémonie, aura lieu le 4 Juillet 1884, à 11 heures précises, aux ateliers Gaget, Gauthier & Cie, 25, rue de Chazelles, Parc Monceau. [Paris]: Devambez, Pass. Panoramas, 5. [1884]*

2. Printed card invitation:

*American Gift to France M. Labure is cordially invited by the Committee to be present at the Inauguration of the original model of Bartholdi's Statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World." The Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, May 13th, at 1,30 P.M., on the Place des Etats-Unis. Paris: Quin, 96 r. Bac, [1885?]*



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3. Engraved invitation to the inauguration of the Statue of Liberty from the President of the United States. With gold embossed flags at head of card. Illustrated with a fine engraving of the Statue of Liberty.

*You are invited to be present on the occasion of the inauguration by the President of the United States [Grover Cleveland], of the Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World, on Bedloe's Island, New York Harbor, on Thursday, October 28th, 1886. [New York]: Tiffany & Co. [1886].*

The Franco-American Union was established in 1875 as the fundraising arm of the Statue of Liberty project. With the announcement, the statue was given a name, *Liberty Enlightening the World*. The French would finance the statue; Americans would be expected to pay for the pedestal. The announcement provoked a generally favorable reaction in France, though many Frenchmen resented the United States for not coming to their aid during the war with Prussia.

**Detailed Condition:**

Three sheets or cards. Clean and excellent.