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(Civil War) The City of Charleston, (South Carolina,) With its Harbour and Forts.

Stock#: 98367
Map Maker: Stanford
Date: 1861
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 7.5 x 10 inches
Price: \$ 750.00



Description:

This 1861 map illustrates the strategic layout of Charleston and its coastal defenses at the onset of the American Civil War. Published in London by Edward Stanford, this rare map captures a crucial moment in American history, detailing Fort Sumter, Fort Moultrie, Castle Pinckney, and the Citadel.

The map's publication date, February 1861, is significant as it coincides with the earliest stages of the Civil War, a pivotal period in American history. The detailed portrayal of Charleston, a key Southern stronghold, and its surrounding forts emphasizes the city's strategic importance. Charleston was the focal point of early hostilities, notably the Battle of Fort Sumter in April 1861, which marked the war's outbreak. This map, therefore, serves as a contemporary visual document of the city's defenses just before these critical events unfolded.

The depiction of Fort Sumter, Fort Moultrie, Castle Pinckney, Fort Johnson, and the Citadel is particularly noteworthy. Each of these forts had a unique role in the war's early battles, with Fort Sumter being



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central to the conflict's initiation. The precision in mapping these structures indicates the heightened interest and concern in European circles regarding the conflict in America.

Furthermore, the London origin of the map, published by Edward Stanford, adds an intriguing dimension to its historical context. It reflects the international interest in the American Civil War and the global implications of the conflict.

Rarity

The map is quite rare. It seems to appear very sporadically in some copies of Rogers & Johnston's *Atlas Of The United States Of North America*.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color. Minor soiling.