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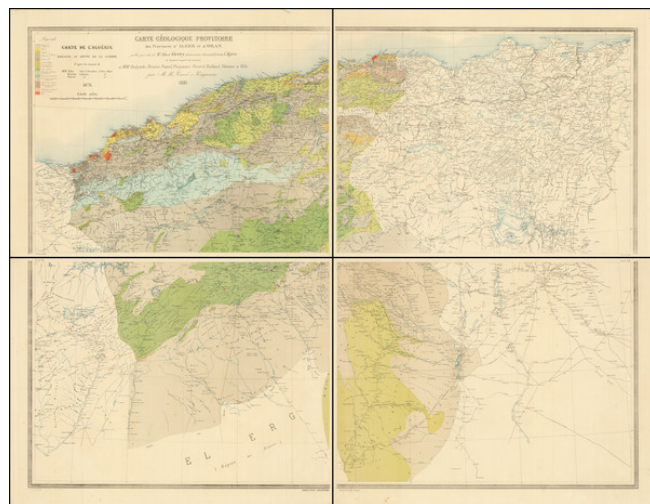
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Stock#: 85283
Map Maker: Pomel & Pouyanne
Date: 1881
Place: Algiers
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 51.5 x 39 inches (if joined)
Price: \$ 975.00



Description:

From The First Systematic Geological Mapping of Algeria.

Rare and important early geological mapping of Algeria, focusing on the important coastal areas around Algiers and Oran, prepared for the first ever geological conference in Algiers in 1881.

Printed in Algiers by Adolphe Jourdan, the map shows 15 types of strata over some 100,000 kilometers of coastline and desert. This map uses a *Depot de la Guerre* base map from 1876. The geological detail on the map spans the Algerian coastline from Algiers to Oran, extending slightly past the two to Nemours (Ghazaouet) and Dellys. Inland, detail stretches to the Grand Erg Sea (El Erg), a vast sand plain with little exposure of strata.

The alpine mountain chains of northern Algeria are readily visible, with the Mesozoic and Cenozoic sediments and metamorphic rocks appearing at the north. These strata generally strike parallel to the coast, reflecting the collision of Europe and Africa.

History of Algerian Geological Mapping

The first large-scale geological map to be focused on a large portion of Algeria was Ville's *Notice Mineralogique*, which focused on the same area shown on the present map, albeit at a much lower



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resolution and encompassing only about half of the area. For the next twenty years, the geologists and surveyors cited on this map (Badynski, Nicaise, Pomel, Poyanne, Rocard, Rolland, Vattonne, and, of course, Ville himself) continued the mapping of the country.

By 1881, the work was ready for publication, greatly expanding the area covered by Ville's *Notice Mineralogique*. A second smaller map covering the area eastwards to the Tunisian border was also published by the same authors. These maps would be presented at the 1881 geological conference in Algiers - the first to be hosted in the country.

Rarity

This is the first time we trace a complete example of this map as having appeared on the market.

Detailed Condition:

4 sheets, unjoined.