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Map of Public Surveys in California to Accompany Report of Surveyor Genl. 1856

Stock#: 86434
Map Maker: General Land Office
Date: 1856
Place: Washington D.C.
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 31.5 x 36 inches
Price: \$ 345.00



Description:

First Appearance of California's Mexican Rancho/Land Grants Confirmed by the United States

Nice example of one of the earliest obtainable official maps of California, published by the General Land Office.

Beginning in 1854, the United States General Land Office began publishing an annual "Map of the Public Surveys." The first edition of the map was oriented with east at the top, with subsequent editions beginning in 1854 oriented with north at the top. Beginning in 1863, the map was expanded to include California and Nevada, with the size remaining the same.

Signed by John Coffey Hays, the US Surveyor General for California, the maps tracked the progress of the US Government Surveys in California, as well as recording the private land grants (Mexican Ranchos) which had been confirmed through the judicial process established following the United States annexation of California from Mexico under the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. Remarkably, but 1856, only 4 land grants had been confirmed. This is the first state of the map to include confirmation information



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Detailed Condition:

Moderate toning along folds. Minor loss along several folds, as is frequently the case.