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## "Surveys For Military Defences" Map Of N. Eastern Virginia And Vicinity Of Washington compiled in Topographical Engineers Office at Division Head Quarters Of General Irvin McDowell Arlington, January 1th 1862 from published and manuscript maps corrected by recent Surveys and Reconnaissance

**Stock#:** 34322  
**Map Maker:** United States Bureau of  
Topographical Engineers  
  
**Date:** 1862  
**Place:** Arlington, VA  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 56.5 x 27.5 inches (if joined)  
  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

First edition (possibly a proof state) of this rare Civil War era survey of parts of Maryland and Virginia, conducted by the U.S. Topographical Engineers Office during the early stages of the American Civil War.

The map provides an exceptionally detailed treatment of the regions covered, extending west to Goose Creek and the Blue Ridge Mountains, and south to Fairfax and Annandale, comprising the upper two sheets of the original map, which are offered here dissected and laid on original linen, as issued.

According to Rumsey, the map was issued in two editions in 1862, with a second and significantly revised edition appearing in August 1862. The first edition looks to be more of a proof state, with a different title and significantly less information than the later edition. There also appears to be an edition of this map which includes the following at the end of the title: "engraved on stone by J. Schedler", which is not present on the example of the map offered here. We note other areas where the map is not simply updated but is apparently revised.

Rumsey states:

*Very accurate and dense map showing the country around and west of Washington, which was the first detailed map of Northern Virginia for use in the Civil War. The first edition appeared in January of 1862 (Stephenson 466) and extended further south to include Fredericksburg; this second edition extends south to Morrisburg. "Data Used in Compilation" appears in the upper left sheet and shows Surveys, Reconnaissances, Informations, Maps, Manuscripts, and Additions and Corrections. The first edition is*



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*plate 7:1, 8:1 in the "Atlas to Accompany..." Illustrated in Stephenson.*

Link here to the Rumsey copy:

<http://www.davidrumsey.com/luna/servlet/detail/RUMSEY~8~1~2250~160116:-Surveys-For-Military-Defences--Map>

As noted by Rumsey, the map is exceptionally detailed and includes a table identifying the sources of information utilized for the map, providing a remarkable checklist of contemporary data for use by collectors in understanding the mapping and surveys being undertaken in the months and years immediately prior to the release of this map.

The map is very rare. We located no examples of the first edition of the map at auction or in a dealer catalog and only 1 example of a later edition offered in the past 20 years (High Ridge Books, Catalog 27, #136, 1994, likely the Rumsey copy). In searching on-line and printed sources, with the exception of the Stephenson reference, we located no other examples of the map in any institutional collection.

**Detailed Condition:**

Dissected and laid on linen.