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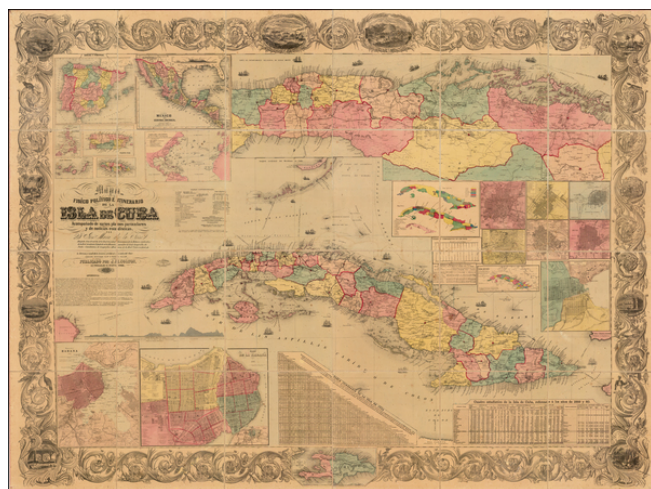
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## Mapa Fisico Politico e Itinerario de la Isla De Cuba Acompañado de varios lanos particulares y de noticias estadisticas por D. Jose Mari de la Torre . . . 1862

**Stock#:** 39199gb  
**Map Maker:** Colton  
**Date:** 1862  
**Place:** New York  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 55.5 x 77.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Rare large format map of Cuba, with a number of detailed inset maps and plans, published in New York by J.H Colton for Jose Maria de la Torre.

The map also includes a nice large format treatment of the Florida Keys.

Spectacular large format map of Cuba, with indigenous scenes added as vignettes to the decorative borders. At the top of the map is a larger scale map, entitled "Parte del Departamento Occidental en Escala Mayor.

At the top left, the map includes a number of other smaller maps, including maps of Spain, Mexico, the Atlantic, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Canaries and Jamaica.

Inset city plans include:

- Puerto de Habana
- Plano de la Habana
- Matanzas
- Cienfuegos
- Trinidad
- Santiago de Cuba
- Santa Maria del Puerto del Principe
- Cardenas



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- Guanabacoa

The map was prepared by Jose Maria de la Torre, an attorney who was a member of the Royal Geographical Society of Havana, Royal Academy of History, Geographical Society of Paris and professor of geography and history of the Royal University of Havana.

José María de la Torre y de la Torre (1815–73) was an illustrious Cuban geographer, archaeologist, historian, and educator who devoted a great part of his intellectual life to the study of local Cuban history. De la Torre studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1841, but he never practiced as a lawyer, devoting himself instead to teaching. In 1848 he was commissioned to travel in the United States and Europe to study improvements in agriculture and the industrial arts, and to introduce them into Cuba. The results of this journey were very useful. He was a member of the Royal academy of history of Madrid and other scientific and antiquarian societies.

His first major cartographic work was his map of 1841, which describes in detail the itineraries of the voyages of Christopher Columbus to the Americas. The map shows the routes of each of Columbus's three voyages, giving the dates on which he reached various places. It provides original place names as well as the names that Columbus gave to the different islands. Also shown is the distribution of the pre-Columbian cultures at the time of Columbus's first voyage, as understood by José María de la Torre. The originality of this map lies in its evocation of the aboriginal past, which, at the time it was made, helped to reaffirm the culture of the native peoples of the Americas. The island of Jamaica and the western part of Hispaniola (Haiti) also are shown.

We note only the examples in the Library of Congress (1861 edition) British Library (1861) and National Library of Spain (1862).

#### **Detailed Condition:**

Minor soiling. Dissected and laid on linen with original black faux morocco slip case with title in gilt lettering.