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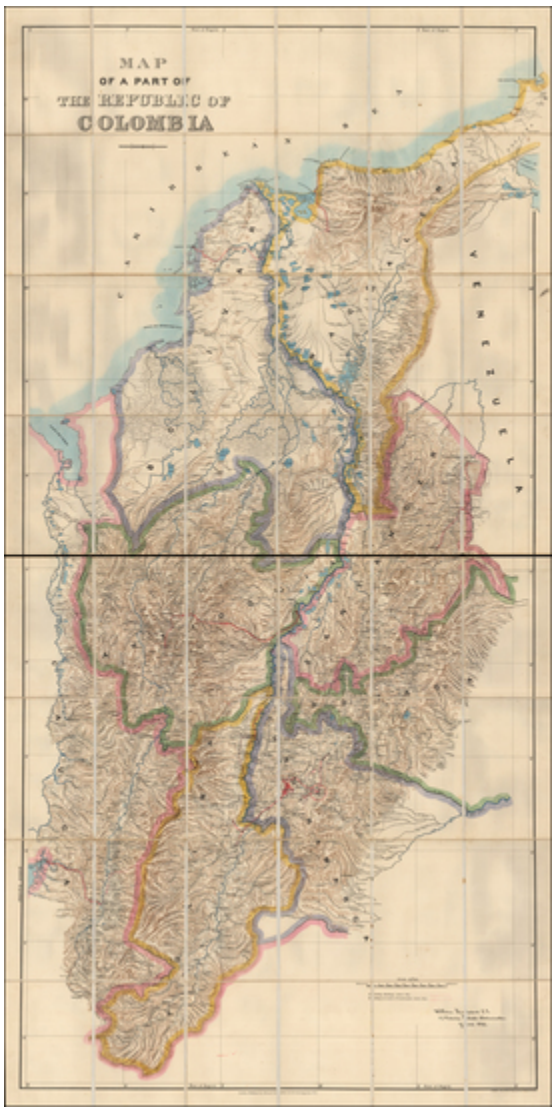
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Map of a Part of the Republic of Colombia

Stock#: 55367hs
Map Maker: Stanford

Date: 1899
Place: London
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 30.5 x 62 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Bogota as the Prime Meridian!

Rare large format map of most of Colombia (omitting a small portion of the west coast, to the west of the Rio Quito, bearing the signature of William Lidstone, C.E.

The map contains political division with added color, indicates the existing railroads with red lines and

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those under construction with a line of red dashed lines.

The present map would appear to be the first edition of the map, issued in June, 1899, with a facsimile signature. A second edition was issued in 1903, with the title modified to add the words "By William Lidstone, C.E."

William Lidstone was an English civil engineer and artist born in Kingsbridge, Devon in 1843, died in Bogotá, Colombia, in 1927. Co- author of Fifteen thousand miles on the Amazon and its tributaries by C.B. Brown and W. Lidstone and Charles Barrington (1878). The map was referred to in one publication as “the most reliable map of that region” (*The Emerald Deposits of Muzo, Colombia,* By Joseph E. Pogue,, Ph. D., Evanston, Illinois. *Transactions of the American Institute of Mining Engineers.* Vol. LV, 1917 .Arizona Meeting, September, 1916.)

The Geographical Journal, Vol 21, No 3,(March 1903) includes the following entry describing the map:

> *The title of this map is decidedly vague and indefinite, but the "part' of the Republic of Colombia it refers to as shown on the map, includes the departments of Bolivar, Magdelena, Santander, Antioquin, Tolima, the western part of Boyaca and Cundinamarca, and the eastern half of Cauca. The map thus represents all the central and most important region of Colombia, including the capital and the courses of the rivers Magdelena and Cauca.*
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> *The geographical features of this country are still very imperfectly known, and, with the exception of the route-surveys of mining engineers and a few others, little additional information is to be obtained that is not given on Cedazzi's large atlas which was published over sixty years ago. Any addition to our knowledge is therefore specially welcome. Mr. Lidstone, the author of this map, in the pursuit of his profession as a civil engineer, has travelled extensively in the country, and from his route-surveys, combined with other information, this map has been compiled. In many districts, however, the map is not nearly so complete as it might have been if the surveys of others had been properly utilized. An instance of this is to be found in the northern part, where Mr. F. A. A. Simons has worked for years, but the results of whose surveys seem to have been almost entirely ignored. Had the information contained on his maps of the departments of Bolivar and Magdelena and of the river Sinci been made use of, Mr. Lidstone could have rendered his map far more complete. The map is printed in colours, and shows railways existing and in course of construction.*

Rarity

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The map is very rare. OCLC locates 3 examples (SMU, University College, Cork, and the Institute for Historical Research (UK)).

We locate no other examples on the market or at auction in any standard reference work.

Detailed Condition:
Dissected and laid on two sheets of linen, as issued. Marbled end papers.