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Map Of Route pursued by U.S. Troops from Fort Smith, Arkansas, To Santa Fe, New Mexico, via south side of Canadian River In the Year 1849 Whilst serving as an Escort to a party of California Emigrants. . . . [bound with:] Map, No 2... [and:] Map, No. 3... [and:] Map, No. 4... [bound with:] Report from the Secretary of War, Communicating, In compliance with a resolution of Senate, the report and map of the route from Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Santa Fe, New Mexico, made by Lieutenant Simpson...

Stock#: 70778
Map Maker: Simpson

Date: 1849 (1850)
Place: Washington
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 12.5 inches (each sheet)

Price: SOLD



Description:

Along the Canadian River, through the Texas Panhandle, to Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Fine four-sheet map of the overland exploration and survey map, undertaken by the United States Troops at the start of the Gold Rush.

In 1849, shortly after gold was discovered in California, some 3,000 immigrants traveled along the Canadian River from Fort Smith in Arkansas to Old Fort Holmes, in what is now Oklahoma. Since their route passed through the Comanche buffalo range, the immigrants were escorted by troops led by Capt. Randolph Barnes Marcy (1812-1887), a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy who spent much of his career as an Army officer in the American West.

The four sheets display the entire route, which initially crossed present-day Oklahoma, continued along the Canadian River to the llano Estacado in Texas' panhandle and finally into eastern New Mexico and Santa Fe, on the Rio Grande River.

The maps are accompanied by a report entitled:

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escort commanded and location and construction of road directed by Cap. R. B. Marcy, 5th Infy. assisted as far as Topofke Creek by Byt. Cap. F. T. Dent, 5th Infy., exploration and survey of route by 1st Lieut. James H. Simpson, U.S.T. Engrs. assisted as far as Topofke Creek by Cap. Dent, and all the way through by Mr. Thos. A. P. Champlin, projected & drawn by Lt. Simpson, assisted by Mr. E. M. Kern and Mr. Champlin. Note: The exploration and maps illustrating it, have been facilitated by the surveys of the Canadian River and of New Mexico, made in 1845-46 & 47 by Lieut. Albert, T. Engr.

The map shows Native American habitation, military outposts, river crossings, wooded areas, physical landmarks, wagon roads and trails from Fort Smith, Arkansas to Old Fort Holmes in Indian Territory en route to Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Detailed Condition:

Octavo. 19th-century ¼ purple cloth over marbled paper boards. Purple ink stamp of "Verein Für Erdkunde Leipzig" (Geography Association, Leipzig) on first leaf. Four folding lithographed maps.