Map of the United States The British Provinces Mexico &c. Showing the Routes of the U.S. Mail Steam Packets to California and a Plan of the Gold Region...1849 [pocket map]

Stock#:   7630
Map Maker: Colton

Date: 1849
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 25 x 18.5 inches

Price: SOLD

Description:

An exceptional example of Colton's map of the route to the Gold Regions, perhaps the most famous and sought after of all gold rush overland guides. The map shows the routes from Independence, Missouri to the Gold Regions, including the Oregon Route, Central Route and a Southern Route that follows Kearny's Route through San Diego, then proceeds by Steamship up the coast to San Francisco. An overland route from Refugio, Texas on the Gulf Coast is also noted, again extending to San Diego and then via Steamship to San Francisco. There are also two overland routes noted in Central America. Includes a large inset map of the Gold Regions. Notably, there is an indication of Gold in the Los Angeles area. The present example of the map has been removed from the folder, flattened and laid down on linen, although the original folder and text are present. The result is a nearly flawless unfolded example, the best we have seen in the past 14 years. Colton's map gained prominence among overland traveller's to the gold regions and is frequently mentioned in contemporary accounts. The map has become a tremendous rarity on the market in recent years, this being the first example we have seen in the past 5 years on the market. An essential map for collectors of the region. The text is also of note. Extremely rare, especially with original pastedown label on the covers. Graff 835; Kurutz; The California Gold Rush 149; Wheat, Transmississippi West 591; Gold Regions 70.

Detailed Condition: