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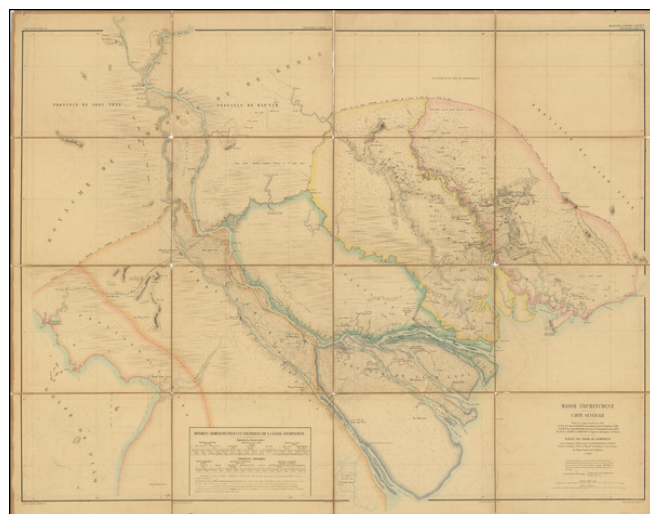
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**[Vietnam & Cambodia] Basse Cochinchine -- Carte Generale -- D'Apres les travaux
executes par ordre De Mr. le Vice Amiral Charner Commandant en chef en Cochinchine
en 1861 et de Mr. le Vice Amiral Bonard Gouverneur et Commandant en chef en 1862
Par M.M. L. Manen et G Heraud Sous Ingenieurs hydrographes de la Marine. Publie par
Order De L'Empereur 1863**

Stock#: 81027
Map Maker: Depot de la Marine
Date: 1863
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 47.75 x 34.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The First Large Format Map of French Cochinchina

Rare separately published map of the southern part of Vietnam and Cambodia centered on the Mekong Delta and River.

This map was published by French authorities in 1863, shortly after the 1858 capture of Saigon and the establishment of the first French colony in Vietnam, as well as the 1862 signing of the Treaty of Saigon, which formally ceded the territories.

The map extends from the coast and the area around Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) to the area around Phenom Penh in Cambodia, with the Mekong Delta taking up a large portion of the map. The map focuses on the three provinces ruled by France at the time (collectively known as Cochinchina): Biên Hòa (in red), Gia Định (in yellow) and Định Tường (in green).

This map was commissioned by the Emperor Napoleon III, and it can be noticed that the map extends into regions that were not yet in French control. French ambitions in the region were not satiated with the first three provinces occupied: in 1867, three more provinces (the southern three shown on the map) would be



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occupied and turned into colonies.

The map includes a number of additional details important to the colonial rule of Vietnam. At the base of the map, a chart shows the administrative divisions for the provinces shown on the map, and the lower right lists the former leaders and important figures in the colony who contributed to surveying and making the map.

French Cochinechina

While Cochinechina was a term long-used to describe the region around the South Vietnamese capital of Saigon, its importance increased as the first area colonized by the French in the region. Tensions in Vietnam had long simmered between French missionaries (who had been active since the 17th century) and the local ruling powers, and under the guise of protecting the missionaries, Napoleon III order gunships to attack a port city in 1858.

The next nine years were spent consolidating French Cochinechina. The first major success was the capture of Saigon in 1859, which the Vietnamese proceeded to siege for two years, believing they could retake the city. Peace terms were offered several times, before being accepted in the Treaty of Saigon in 1862. This formally passed control to France of the three Vietnamese provinces nearest to Saigon. In 1867, during continued insurgency, French troops occupied three more provinces. Control over the rest of the country for France would not come until the 1880s.

Rarity

The map is extremely rare. We locate a single example in the Bibliotheque National de France.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color in outline. Segmented and laid on linen, as issued. Minor weakness to linen.