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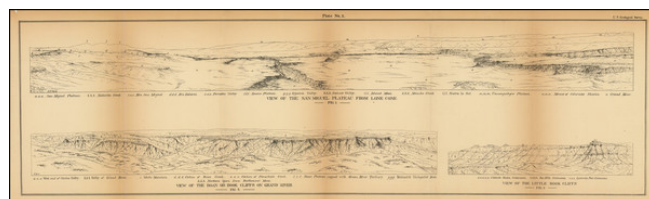
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View of the San Miguel Plateau from Lone Cone | View of the Roan or Book Cliffs on Grand River

Stock#: 88757
Map Maker: Hayden
Date: 1878
Place: Washington, D.C.
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 27 x 7.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Hayden's fantastic depiction of the San Miguel Plateau and the Book Cliffs in Colorado, prepared for his 10th Annual Report.

The Book Cliffs are an impressive geological formation that spans over 200 miles in length, a snapshot of which are shown here. The cliffs are located in Colorado's western portion and are made up of several layers of sedimentary rock. The Book Cliffs get their name from the way they resemble the pages of a book stacked one on top of the other. They are particularly notable for their unique red and orange coloring, which is caused by the presence of iron oxide in the rock.

The Hayden Survey of Colorado

The late 1860s and early 1870s saw four great surveys of the American West: the King Survey, which mapped the region around the 40th parallel; the Wheeler Survey, which attempted (unsuccessfully) to map the whole of the territories and western states at a moderate scale; the Powell Survey, which focused on the southwest and the Grand Canyon region; and finally the Hayden survey, which surveyed the territory of Colorado as well as the last great unmapped region of the Lower Forty-Eight: the Yellowstone Basin.

The Colorado survey was sandwiched between Yellowstone surveys and conducted in the years 1873-75. Hayden expected Colorado to soon become an important region because of the arrival of the railroads, and thus decided to expend enormous resources in order to create what would be one of the most extensive regional surveys anywhere in the world.

Detailed Condition:

Backed on paper. Some toning, most pronounced around folds.