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### Colton's United States Shewing Military Stations, Forts &c. . . . 1861 [Shows Colorada!]

**Stock#:** 95088  
**Map Maker:** Colton  
**Date:** 1861  
**Place:** New York  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 17 x 15 inches  
**Price:** \$ 345.00



#### Description:

##### *Early Appearance of "Colorada"*

Colton's 1861 map provides an intriguing view of the United States at the dawn of the Civil War.

This map is detailed and features railroads, towns, mail routes, forts, and even four clipper ships off the coastline. It also has unusual inclusion of the name "Colorada" as an early misspelling of what would later become the Territory of Colorado.

The creation of Colorado Territory in 1861 was part of the broader westward expansion during the 19th century. Before its designation as Colorado, the region was referred to by several precursor names such as "Colona" and "Jefferson." These names were associated with various proposed territories that never gained official status. The misspelling "Colorada" on Colton's map represents an odd but interesting historical quirk, and perhaps it also reflects the fluid and unsettled nature of the territorial names and boundaries during this era.

The map's focus on military installations and logistical details, such as forts and railroads, hints at the strategic concerns of the time. This emphasis underscores the importance of infrastructure in both the unfolding conflict and the everyday lives of Americans.



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