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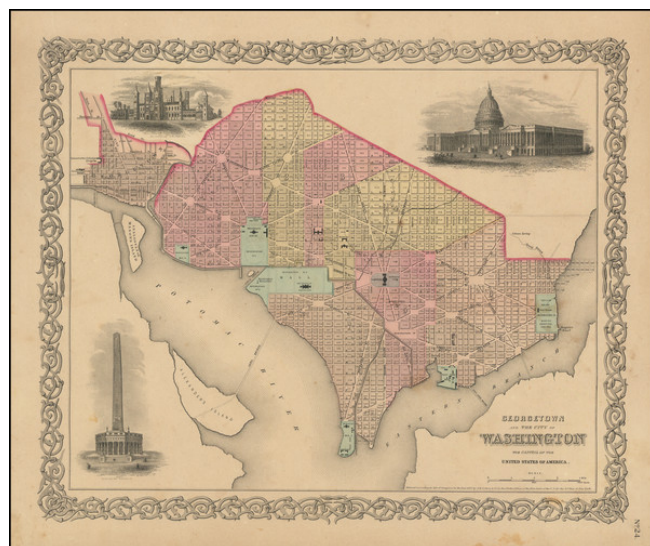
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## Colton's Georgetown and The City of Washington, The Capital of the United States of America

**Stock#:** 96145  
**Map Maker:** Colton  
**Date:** 1856  
**Place:** New York  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 16 x 13 inches  
**Price:** \$ 345.00



### Description:

The 1873 edition of Colton's *Georgetown and The City of Washington, The Capital of the United States of America*, is an exceptional exemplar of 19th-century cartography, offering a vivid, hand-colored depiction of the burgeoning capital city, replete with large vignettes of iconic landmarks such as the Capitol Building, the Washington Monument, and the Smithsonian Institution.

This map serves as a window into the urban landscape of mid-19th-century Washington D.C., an era marked by significant growth and development in the United States' capital. During this period, Washington D.C. was evolving into a center of political power and cultural significance, with key government buildings, military facilities, and hospitals taking shape alongside its foundational infrastructure. This map, therefore, provides an important historical snapshot of a city undergoing rapid change and emerging as the national symbol that we recognize today.

The map, a creation of the esteemed cartography firm G.W. & C.B. Colton, is distinguished by its striking use of hand-coloring by wards. This technique, while not unique to the map, significantly enhances its aesthetic appeal and its value as a historical document. The deliberate delineation of streets, railroad lines, bridges, and the careful annotation of key buildings and facilities positions it among the most thorough and informative representations of Washington D.C. during this era.

### Detailed Condition: