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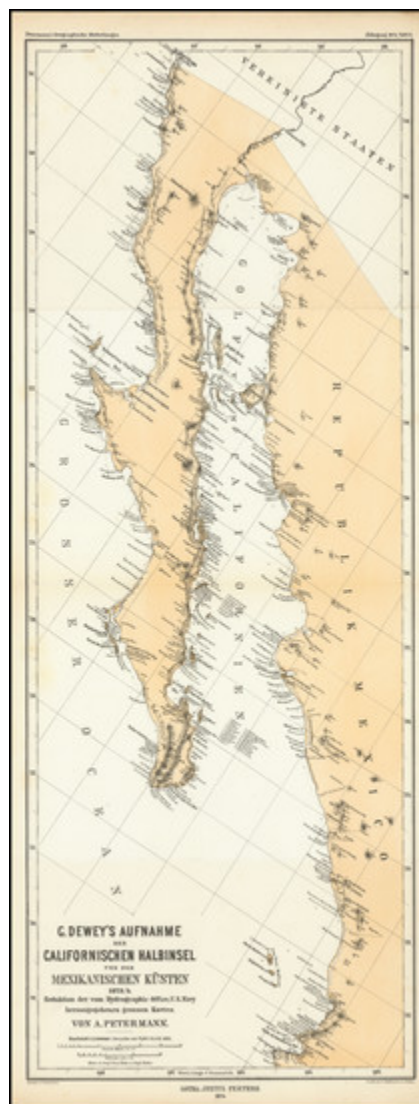
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**G. Dewey's Aufnahme Der Californischen Halbinsel und der Mexikanischen Kusten  
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**Stock#:** 96275  
**Map Maker:** Petermann  
**Date:** 1875  
**Place:** Goth  
**Color:** Color  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 8 x 21 inches  
**Price:** \$ 375.00



**Description:**

Scarce early map of the Baja Peninsula, from San Diego to Cabo San Lucas, along with the Gulf of California, extending Valle de Banderas Bay.

This 19th Century map of Baja California by Augustus Petermann is an intriguing historical artifact that chronicles a slice of North American geography with impressive precision and details. The map displays



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the Baja Peninsula in its entirety, extending from San Diego in the north to Cabo San Lucas at the southern tip. The Gulf of California, also known as the Sea of Cortez, is represented in its full stretch, with the coast of mainland Mexico extending south as far as the Valle de Banderas Bay.

The scarcity of such early maps of Baja California adds to its uniqueness and historical significance. The coastal details are painstakingly rendered, reflecting a deep understanding of the topography, while the interior is still little known or explored.

This map is a reworking of Commander George Dewey's original survey. Dewey, later known as Admiral Dewey, led Pacific Coast Survey explorations between 1873 and 1875 while aboard the *U.S.S. Narragansett*, which had now been assigned to survey the Pacific Coast of Mexico and Lower California. This tedious duty in the blazing heat and virtual isolation of the Gulf of California was relieved only by occasional visits to the port of La Paz to refuel and collate data. .

**Detailed Condition:**