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[The San Juan Islands -- Boundary Between the British Columbia and Washington State] Karte des San Juan - od. Haro - Archipels mit der neuen Grenze nach der schiedsrichterlichen Entscheidung des Deutschen Kaisers am. 21. Oktober 1872.

Stock#: 96787 **Map Maker:** Petermann

Date: 1873Place: GothaColor: Condition: VG+

Size: $7.5 \times 10 \text{ inches}$

Price: SOLD



Description:

Petermann's map provides a detailed representation of the San Juan or Haro Islands following the 1872 arbitration by the German Emperor. It covers a wide area, extending north to the Gulf of Georgia, west to Vancouver, east to Bellingham Bay, and south to Port Angeles on the Strait of San Juan de Fuca, with the San Juan or Haro Archipelago positioned centrally.

Maritime features are prominent on the map, with depths indicated through soundings, potential navigation hazards like shallows marked, and the various islands within the archipelago clearly outlined.

A significant feature of the map is the boundary between Canada and the US. This demarcation has its roots in the ambiguous wording of the 1846 Oregon Treaty, which led to both the US and Britain laying claim to the San Juan Islands. The tension culminated in the "Pig War" of 1859, a dispute over the killing of a pig that saw both British and American troops in a standoff on the island.



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To resolve this territorial disagreement, international arbitration was sought. Kaiser Wilhelm I of Germany was chosen as the neutral arbitrator. After reviewing evidence from both parties, his decision in 1872 awarded the San Juan Islands to the United States, establishing the boundary depicted on this map.

Detailed Condition:

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