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(Schwatka Expedition - Search for Franklin) Provisorische Karte von Lieutt. Schwatka's Expedition zur Aufsuchung der Reste von Sir John Franklin's Expedition auf King William Land 1879 & 1880

Stock#: 98476
Map Maker: Petermann
Date: 1880
Place: Gotha
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 7.25 x 9.75 inches
Price: \$ 395.00



Description:

This 1880 map delineates Lieutenant Frederick Schwatka's journey to uncover the remnants of Sir John Franklin's expedition on King William Land during 1879 and 1880. Based on H. W. Klutschak's original map and published by Justus Perthes in Gotha, Germany, it provides a crucial historical snapshot of Arctic exploration during this pivotal era.

In the late 19th century, Arctic exploration was a significant endeavor, driven by the quest to navigate and map the unknown polar regions and to solve mysteries like the fate of Sir John Franklin's lost expedition. Lieutenant Frederick Schwatka's mission, captured in this map, was part of this broader narrative, as it sought to provide closure to one of the most enduring mysteries of Arctic exploration. The map's detailed depiction of the expedition's route from April 1, 1879, to March 4, 1880, offers a vivid account of the challenges faced by explorers in the treacherous Arctic environment.



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The inclusion of key landmarks, such as Cairns (stone pyramids used as markers), and the detailed routes of both the northward journey and the return, render this map an invaluable resource for understanding the logistics and strategies employed during Schwatka's expedition. Its value is further enhanced by the contributions of renowned cartographers such as H. W. Klutschak, B. Hassenstein, and C. Peip, whose expertise in topographical representation is evident.

Published as part of Petermann's *Geographische Mittheilungen* in 1880 (Yearbook 1880, Plate 20), this map chronicles a significant episode in the annals of Arctic exploration. Its publication by Justus Perthes, a distinguished name in cartographic publishing, and the printing by C. Hellfarth in Gotha, further elevates its status as a remarkable piece of cartographic history from a period marked by human resilience and the quest for geographical knowledge.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color.