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Endgültige Karte von Franz Josef-Land entdeckt von der 2. Osterr.-Ungarn. Nordpolar-Expedition 1873 & 1874 Aufgenommen von Julius Payer

Stock#: 98479
Map Maker: Petermann
Date: 1876
Place: Gotha
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 9.5 x 15.25 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Scarce map of the Franz Josef Land, illustrating the Julius Payer Expedition of 1873 and 1874.

Franz Josef Land, is an archipelago located in the Arctic Ocean north of Novaya Zemlya and east of Svalbard. The archipelago was possibly first discovered by the Norwegian sealers Nils Fredrik Rønnbeck and Aidijärvi aboard the schooner Spidsbergen in 1865 who, according to scarce reports, sailed eastward from Svalbard until they reached a new land, denoted Nordøst-Spitsbergen (Spitsbergen was the contemporary name of Svalbard). It is not known if they went ashore, and the new islands were soon forgotten.



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The map is drawn from observations made during the Austro-Hungarian North Pole expedition of 1872-74, taken from surveys conducted by Julius Payer, charts the complex archipelago of Franz Josef Land with a detail unprecedented at the time of its creation.

Franz Josef Land, an Arctic archipelago only formally discovered in 1873 during the Austro-Hungarian North Pole expedition, is delineated with careful attention to the topography and hydrography, revealing the intricate interplay of land and sea in one of the planet's most extreme environments. The detailing of the glaciated landscape, with its myriad of islands, channels, and ice floes, provides invaluable insights into the geography of this remote region.

The key, with explanations in German, clarifies the various markings on the map. It details the depths in meters, the tracks of the ship "Tegetthoff" until the 1st of November, 1873, and the routes taken by Payer's sledge expeditions from March to May of 1874. These annotations offer a historical narrative, encapsulating the story of exploration and the arduous journey of the explorers as they navigated through the open waters, perennial ice, and icebergs.

Detailed Condition: