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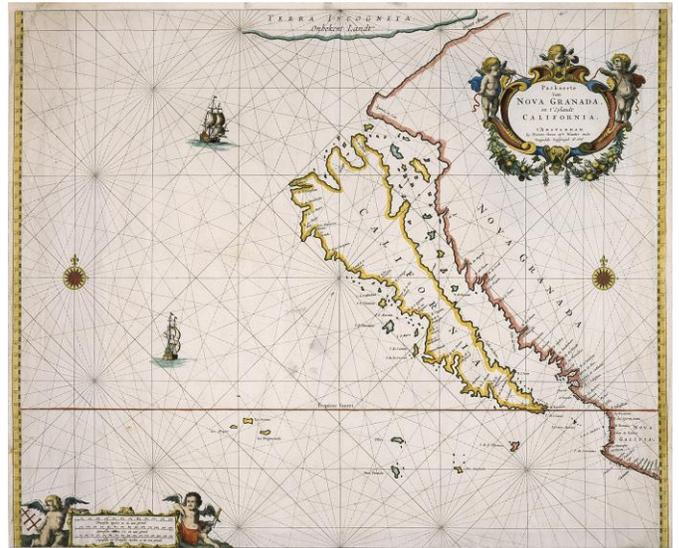
## ***Out of the Vault: Treasures from your California State Library*** **New Exhibit at the California State Capitol Museum**

**Sacramento, Calif.** – The rarest of the rare from the State Library’s vault will be available for public viewing at a new year-long exhibit at the California Capitol Museum, beginning Saturday, May 28.

This is a unique opportunity to view these important pieces of California’s story. The exhibit runs through April 23, 2017. The museum, located in the State Capitol, is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### **Among the treasures:**

- Original Drawings from Audubon’s *The Birds of America*\*
- California’s first newspaper, *Californian*, from 1846
- A map of California as an island circa 1615-1675 →
- First edition volumes of *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck, *White Fang* by Jack London, and *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville
- James Marshall’s hand-drawn maps of his discovery of gold in the Coloma Valley
- *An American Dictionary of the English Language*, by Noah Webster from 1828
- An original painting of the City of Sacramento from 1849 by George A. Frost



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\*There are just over 150 copies of James Audubon’s famed folio with its 435 hand painted, life-size drawings of avian species. The people of Californian own one of them.

### **About the State Library**

Founded in 1850, the California State Library has an extensive collection of documents from and about the state’s rich history, ranging from books, maps, miners’ diaries, newspapers and periodicals to photographs, paintings and posters. The State Library also holds federal and state publications, and is home to the Bernard E. Witkin State Law Library, and the Braille and Talking Book Library. [www.library.ca.gov](http://www.library.ca.gov)

### **About California’s State Parks**

The Golden State’s park system provides for the health, inspiration and education of all Californians by helping preserve the state’s extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.