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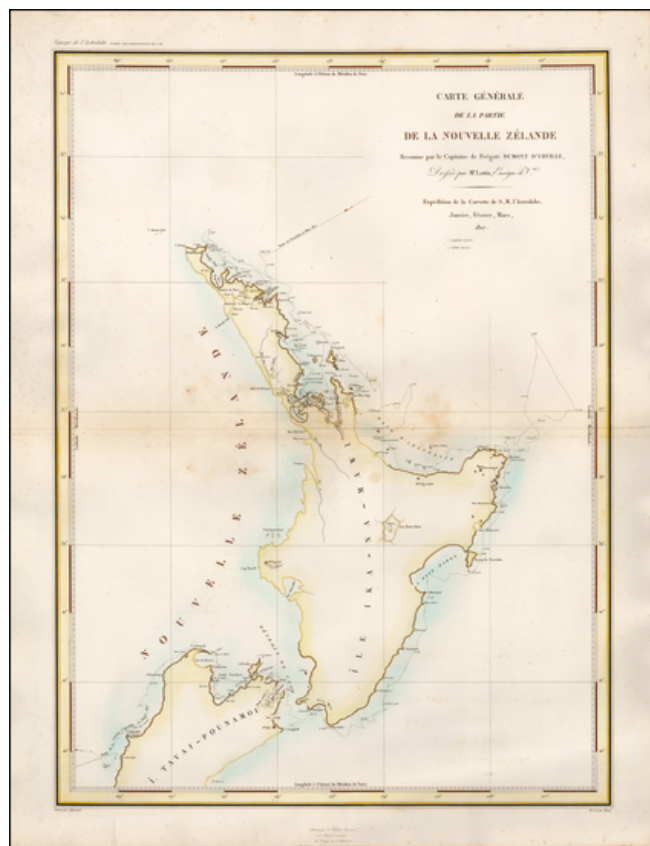
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**Carte Generale de la partie de la Nouvelle Zelande Reconnue par le Capitain de Fregate
Dumont D'Urville, Dressee par Mr. Lottin Enseigne de Vau. . . .**

Stock#: 44044
Map Maker: Dumont-D'Urville
Date: 1833
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 17 x 23 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Detailed chart of the North Island of New Zealand, Cook Straits and part of the south Island, based upon the observations of the French expedition led by Dumont D'Urville, conducted in January, February and March of 1827.

The map shows in fine detail, the route of the Corvette Astrolabe from its arrival on January 10, 1827, on the western coast of the South Island, through Tasman Bay and Cook's Strait, and along the northeastern coastline, before completing the expedition at the Bay of Islands and proceeding northwest on March 10, 1827, in the general direction of French Polynesia and the Society Islands.

Rear Admiral Jules Sébastien César Dumont d'Urville (1790-1842) was a French explorer and naval officer, who explored the south and western Pacific, Australia, New Zealand, and Antarctica. Dumont d'Urville led an expedition into the South Pacific aboard the *Astrolabe*, which sailed to the coast of southern Australia,



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extensively mapped the South Island of New Zealand, explored the archipelagos of Tonga and Fiji and the coasts of New Guinea. He located La Pérouse's shipwreck in Vanikoro and collected numerous remains of his boats, before returning to France in 1829.

After completing the voyage, he was promoted to captain and he was put in charge of writing the report of his travels. His five volume report of the expedition was published at the expense of the French government between 1832 and 1834. In his report, he criticized the military structures, his colleagues, the French Academy of Sciences and even the King - none of which, in his opinion, had given the voyage of the *Astrolabe* due acknowledgment.

Detailed Condition:

Minor discoloration and minor fold split.