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## Carte Generale de la Polynesie Australe ou Des Iles Eparses de La Mer Pacifique . . . chez Mortier Covens & Fils

**Stock#:** 44340  
**Map Maker:** Mortier, Covens & Zoon  
**Date:** 1808  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 17.5 x 24 inches  
**Price:** \$ 975.00



### Description:

Scarce chart of the Western Pacific Ocean, published by Mortier, Covens & Fils.

The map is based on Johann Matthias Christoph Reinecke's 1801 map of the region, which was the first German map to depict Tasmania as a separate island. The Mortier Covens & Fils edition includes a translation of many place names into French and Dutch.

Australia is divided with the western portion named Nouvelle Hollande (New Holland) and the eastern portion named Nouveau Galles Meridionale ou Sijdnij Cove (New South Wales or Sydney Cove). Numerous placenames fill the coasts of Australia, which is depicted with a hypothetical coastline stretching from Western Port to St. Peters Island.

Dozens of tiny islands in the Pacific are named, including Hawaii (Iles Sandwich), which appears adjacent to the title cartouche. Several areas still show very early cartography, including Korea shown in a trapezoidal shape, and New Guinea with an elongated shape and a hypothetical northeastern coastline.

Engraved by Willem Cornelius van Baarsel, who was only 17 at the time of publication.

### Detailed Condition: