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A Chart, Shewing the Track of the Centurion round the World

Stock#: 45736
Map Maker: Anson
Date: 1748
Place: London
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Condition: VG
Size: 16 x 9 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

George Anson Circumnavigates the World

Interesting map of the World, illustrating George Anson's important circumnavigation.

California is shown as an Island. An incomplete New Holland appears, still attached to New Guinea and with no signs of New Zealand.

This famous and unfortunate expedition, consisting at the start of eight ships, was sent under the command of George Anson at the beginning of the war with Spain in 1739, to harass the Spaniards on the western coast of South America. Seven ships were lost around Cape Horn and on the coast of Chile and out of 900 men who left English on board more than 600 perished.

The primary object of the expedition was not attained, but by the capture of the Manila Galleon near China, Anson and the surviving members of his crew reached England much the richer, thanks to the success of their coasting along the Pacific Coast.

Detailed Condition: