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The Southern Part of Portland Canal Alaska From Chart No. 8100 of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey 1891-99

Stock#: 48383
Map Maker: U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey /
Davidson
Date: 1903
Place: Washington, D.C.
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 18.5 x 18.5 inches
Price: \$ 375.00



Description:

Original artwork for George Davidson's book on the Alaskan Boundary Dispute.

The work consists of a US Coast and Geodetic Survey chart amended by George Davidson, for publication in "The Alaska Boundary," published in 1904. In addition to the manuscript amendments, additions, and editorial directions, the map is signed by Davidson.

A number of manuscript additions are included, as well as areas marked to be excluded by Davidson. A note referencing Vancouver's Astronomical Station July-August 1793 is included.

As noted by George Davidson's *The Alaska Boundary* (1903):

The name Portland Canal is given to the northern part of that great arm, and Portland Inlet to the southern and wider part. The Pearse Canal, which received the condemnation of Vancouver, is shown to be only one-quarter of a mile wide at its narrowest part; and the name is placed on Pearse Island. No name is given to the crooked continuation of Pearse Canal between Wales Island and Fillmore Island, and between Wales Island and Sitklan Island. The dangers to navigation therein are more emphasized than in the U. S. Coast Survey chart. The



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soundings are taken from the latter authority.

*It is instructive to note the great disproportion in breadth and depth of that dangerous
passage way, and the breadth and depth of the Portland Inlet and Canal.*

Rubberstamp of Louis Weule, Chronometer Maker, San Francisco, in lower margin, crossed out by
Davidson; UCB Duplicate rubberstamp as well.

Detailed Condition:

Signed by George Davidson. Extensive annotations in George Davidson's hand.