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A Chart Shewing Part of the Coast of N.W. America, with the Tracks of His Majesty's Sloop Discovery and Armed Tender Chatham . . . [with inset map] A Chart of the Sandwich Islands (and part of the Galapagos Islands)

Stock#: 31789
Map Maker: Vancouver

Date: 1801
Place: London
Color: Uncolored

Condition: VG

Size: 31×24.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of the rare second edition of Vancouver's chart of the Northwest Coast of America, incorporating a Chart of Hawaii and a second chart of part of the Galapagos as an inset, which was not present on the first edition of the map.

The map was prepared by George Robinson in London to illustrate the second edition of Vancouver's Voyage of Discovery to the North Pacific Ocean...published in London. Vancouver's map was the first large format map to focus on the West Coast of America from scientific Surveys.

Vancouver's voyage to the Northwest Coast of America is best described as the last major exploration of the North Pacific. Thereafter, subsequent discoveries were primarily incidental to voyages in pursuit of commerce and fur trade. Vancouver began his career as a midshipman on James Cook's second expedition.



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Vancouver's voyage was the final conclusive voyage to demonstrate that there was no direct link between Hudson's Bay and the Pacific, and his charts of the lower Columbia River aided Lewis and Clark in the final stages of their overland expedition.

While we have previously handled copies of the first edition, this is the first example of the second edition map which we have seen on the market in more than 20 years.

Detailed Condition: