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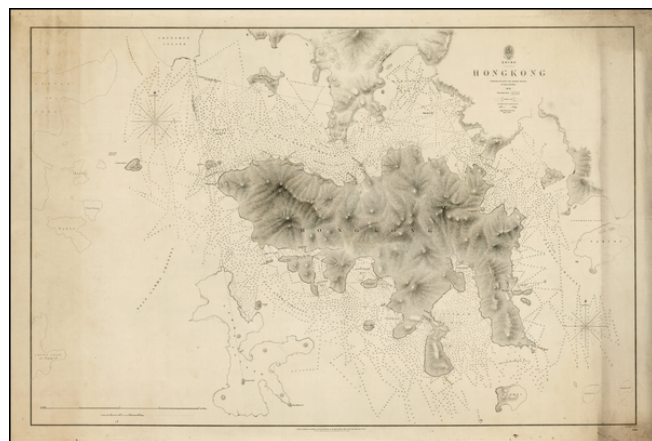
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## Hong Kong surveyed by Captn. Sir Edward Belcher, in H.M.S. Sulphur 1841

**Stock#:** 32255mb  
**Map Maker:** British Admiralty  
**Date:** 1843  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 36 x 24 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

First edition of the British Admiralty Chart of Hong Kong, based upon the surveys of Sir Edward Belcher.

Belcher's survey is the first large format map or sea chart of Hong Kong. On January 26, 1841, Edward Belcher and his men were the first of the British fleet to land on Possession Point at the north shore of Hong Kong for the British Crown. He subsequently made the first British survey of Hong Kong harbor. While the map is dated 1841, the first edition of the map was not published until May 1843.

This is the first edition of the map, which was significantly revised in all subsequent editions, beginning in 1845. The following differences in the area around Victoria are noted between this and the 1845 edition:

- "British Settlement" is shown
- "Road cut by the engineers" is shown, but pre-dating the appearance of the town
- Victoria Peak is referred to as "Mount Possession"
- Hong Kong "Harbour" is named -- all subsequent editions reference Hong Kong Road
- The northwest coastline around Victoria is changed significantly in the 1845 edition
- Roughly a dozen new place names around Victoria appear for the first time on the 1845 edition

There are many other changes throughout the map.

The chart was re-issued on a number of occasions over the next 35 years or more. This 1843 edition is exceedingly rare, with only 1 sale noted in the past twenty years (Jonathan Wattis, 2006).

### Detailed Condition:

Drawer Ref: China

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