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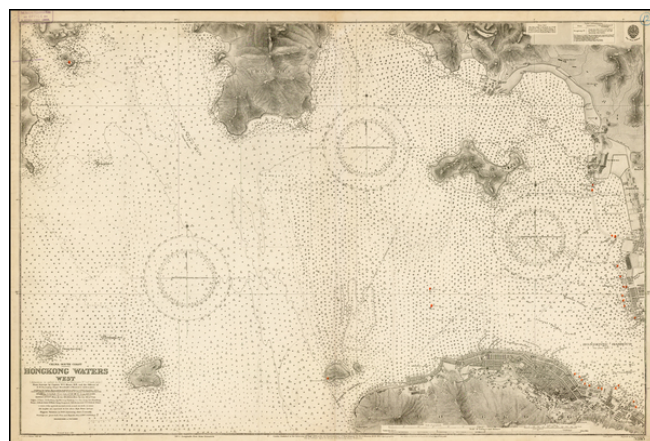
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Hongkong Waters West . . . From Surveys by Captain W.U. Moore, R.N., and the Officers of H.M. Surveying Ships Rambler & Penguin 1886 & 1893 . . .

Stock#: 36083
Map Maker: British Admiralty
Date: 1920
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 39 x 26 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A large-scale and detailed sea chart of the western approaches to Hong Kong Harbour, issued by the British Admiralty, including all of Victoria (Central), western Kowloon and extending westwards to Lantau Island.

The Chart provides a fine early depiction of Victoria (Central), Hong Kong's capital and major urban area, delineating all major street and quays and noting important locations, including those familiar today, such as the Cricket Ground, Government House (the governor's residence), City Hall and the route of the Peak Tram (completed in 1888). In the inner harbour is labelled the 'Man of War Anchorage' where ships of the Royal Navy would ride.

Accross the harbour in Kowloon is the massive Royal Naval Depot, the Typhoon Refuge for vessels (then under construction), the Cosmopolitan Dock and the immense Standard Oil Depot, vital for refueling ships during this early period of petroleum-powered shipping. To the west, past Chung Hue, is Kap Sing Mun (The Throat Gates), a passage of dangerous tidal currents, and further beyond is the eastern side of Lantau Island.

The chart was highly important during its time as the authoritative maritime pilot for the western approaches into Hong Hong Harbour, already one of Asia's busiest commerical ports. It includes extensive bathymetric soundings, sailing information, and notes on compass variation critical to mariners.

Owing to extensive use at sea the survival rate of such charts is extremely low. The present chart is scarce on the market, this being the first example we have offered.



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Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling