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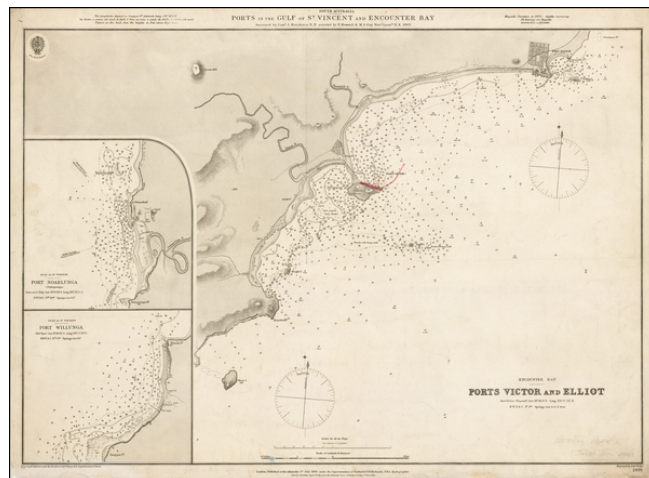
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[South Australia] Ports in the Gulf of St. Vincent and Encounter Bay Surveyed by Comr. J. Hutchinson R.N. and assisted by F. Howard & M.S. Guy Navl. Lieutts. R.N. 1869 (Port Victor, Port Elliott, Port Willunga and Port Noarlunga)

Stock#: 38744
Map Maker: British Admiralty
Date: 1870
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 25.5 x 20 inches
Price: \$ 675.00



Description:

Fine example of the first edition of this early Admiralty Chart showing the ports in the Gulf of St. Vincent and Encounter Bay, published by the Admiralty in 1870.

Detailed chart of the coastal region just south of Adelaide and east of Kangaroo Island.

History of The Region

Horseshoe Bay was proclaimed a port in 1851 and the settlement above the bay was named Port Elliot in 1852 after Charles Elliot, the Governor of Bermuda who was a friend of the then Governor of South Australia, Sir Henry Young. The location had been previously known as Freeman's Knob; the aboriginal name for the area may have been "Witengangool".

The port was established to provide a safe seaport for the Murray river trade which terminated at Goolwa, as the Murray Mouth was deemed too treacherous and unpredictable for safe navigation. Goods and passengers were carried between Goolwa and Port Elliot on the first public railway in Australia, completed in 1854. The Government Works to establish the port included Australia's first reticulated water supply. From wells at Waterport to tanks above, the jetty provided fresh water for ships as well as for the town.

In 1864, after a number of disastrous shipping losses in Horseshoe Bay, the railway was extended to Port Victor, which provided safer access for ships. Port Elliot's role as a port ended, with the bay and jetty being left to the fishermen and beachgoers. The importance of the rail link between the river and the sea



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soon also ended with the building of a railway between Adelaide and Morgan. This enabled river traffic to offload freight and passengers over 160 miles further upstream and rail them directly to Adelaide.

Detailed Condition:

Soiled with some pencil notes.