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Bass Strait From the Surveys of Commander J.L. Stokes, and the Officers of H.M.S. Beagle 1839-43 With additions from the Surveys of the Australian Coast by Commanders H.L. Cox & G.B. Wilkinson R.N. 1864-67, Navg. Lieutt. H.J. Stanley R.N. 1868-73 and Commander Richard F. Hoskyn R.N. 1886-7.

Stock#: 40496
Map Maker: British Admiralty
Date: 1888
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 64 x 51 inches (if joined)
Price: \$1,200.00



Description:

Fine two sheet chart of the Bass Straits published by the British Admiralty.

The chart is based on the original surveys of John Lort Stokes and was periodically updated by the Admiralty over the next 40 years.

John Lort Stokes (1811-1885) joined the British Navy in 1824. He joined the crew of the H.M.S. Beagle where he served under various commanders, including the period from 1831 to 1836, when Charles Darwin undertook his voyages.

In 1837, Stokes was commissioned by the British Hydrographic Office to chart unknown parts of the Australian coastline aboard the Beagle and later became the ship's commander in 1841. Through his travels, Stokes circumnavigated Australia twice, discovered the Fitzroy, Albert, and Flinders rivers, and charted the legendary graveyard of sailing ships known as Bass Strait. During the survey of the Timor Sea in 1839, Stokes undertook the closer examination of what is now the Northern Territory coast. He was the first to discover and name the Victoria River and Port Darwin (named for Charles Darwin). Upon his return to England he authored Discoveries in Australia, with an account of the coasts and rivers explored and surveyed during the voyage of the Beagle, 1837-1843 which was published in 1846.



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