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Chart of Australia and the Adjacent Islands . . . 1855

Stock#: 40857
Map Maker: Imray & Son
Date: 1855
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 60 x 42.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Remarkable large format working sea chart of Australia and New Zealand, published by James Imray.

The present map was used on a voyage to Australia by the American Clipper Ship *Boston Light*. Annotations include a line leaving Port Jackson and noting " *Boston Light for Hong Kong August 1855*" at the upper left.

The *Daily Alta California* of April 28, 1855 and May 1, 1855 advertised that the *Boston Light*, commanded by William Collagan, "Having one-half of her cargo positively engaged," will sail as above (For Melbourne or Sydney) on or before May 10, 1855. The ship sailed from San Francisco to Sydney, arriving July 20, 1855. The *Sydney Morning Herald* of August 20, 1855 and August 21, 1855 noted the *Boston Light* departing for Hong Kong in its list of Projected Departures. The inset also shows evidence of being used for navigation through the Bass Strait.

This fine chart, including inset plans of Bass Straits and Port Philip, is one of the largest sea format sea charts of the whole of Australia to have been published for commercial use at sea.

OCLC locates only a single example of this map (British Library). We locate on line the example of the Royal Museums Greenwich, but no example in any Australian institutional collection was noted.

Detailed Condition:

New blue backing and silk edging. Evidence of "cracking" from back folding in several places. One long tear extending across the entire map, from just below Fiji to between the D and the I in Indian Ocean on the left side. Section below Fiji about 2 inches square replace in facsimile. Similar area to the right of New



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Zealand at 38 degrees south replaced in facsimile. Several repaired tears at lower and upper right corners, one extending through the title. Tear in upper left corner and small bit of facsimile at 115 degrees at top left.