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Texas -- San Luis Harbour By Captn. Hinton Texas Navy 1843

Stock#: 42769
Map Maker: British Admiralty
Date: 1844
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 11 x 9.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare British Admiralty chart depicting San Luis pass at the southern end of Galveston Island.

The chart was drawn by Captain Addison Hinton of the Texas Navy during the Republic era and depicts numerous anchorages, soundings and shoals.

This is one of the few charts we have seen which credits an officer of the Navy of the Republic of Texas with the creation of a sea chart

Addison C. Hinton served for seven years in the United States Navy before moving to Texas in 1837. He first worked for three months as a clerk, read law in Houston, and in 1837 joined the Texas Navy. He was commissioned a commander and in April 1839 was appointed captain of the *Zavala*, the first steam man-of-war in the Gulf and probably the first Hinton had ever seen. From September until November 1839 he also commanded the *San Bernard*.

In the summer of 1839 he is reported to have saved the French vessel *Phaeton* from wrecking, but the French "Society of Wrecks" awarded its medal to Edwin W. Moore as a reward for that action. On October 29, 1839, Hinton was ordered to New Orleans to have the *Zavala* refitted and to recruit crews for his own and other ships of the Texas Navy. At the time he knew little of mechanics, finance, or diplomacy. He was able to enlist but few recruits, and many of his own men deserted. After running up \$14,000 in repair charges beyond what he had been authorized to spend, he was dismissed from the navy on February 6,



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1840, and returned to Texas hurt and bitter.

John T. K. Lothrop succeeded him in command of the *Zavala*. Hinton made several attempts to gain reinstatement in the service; in 1841 the Congress of the Republic of Texas determined that the Navy could not dismiss an officer without a court-martial. Hinton was thereupon cleared of any wrongdoing but was not reinstated. He was elected justice of the peace in Galveston on March 1, 1841, and was known to be in New Orleans in February 1843.

Detailed Condition: