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**La Nuova Zelanda trascorsa nel 1769 e 1770 d'al Cook Comandante dell' Endeavour
Vascello di S. M. Britannica . . . 1778**

Stock#: 51941
Map Maker: Zatta
Date: 1778
Place: Venice
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 14 x 18 inches
Price: \$ 1,300.00



Description:

The First Decorative Map of New Zealand -- Drawn From Cook's Official Account

Nice hand-colored example of Zatta's map of New Zealand, one of the most decorative and highly sought after editions of Cook's mapping of New Zealand and one of the largest format presentations of Cook's map.

The map delineates two islands, tentatively identifying the Southern Island separately. The map shows Cook's tracks around the island, along with the astronomical observations. Nice topographical detail is shown, along with a blend of native and European place names on the islands. The map includes several annotations. New Zealand, though discovered by Tasman in 1642, received no further European exploration until the first Pacific voyage of James Cook. Cook sailed the coast of New Zealand for 6 months, proving that it was not part of the Great Southern Continent, as many had believed. Cook visited New Zealand several times, with Zatta's map drawn from information provided in the latest of his voyages.



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The decorative cartouche shows a native village scene. A nice example of this highly sought after map.

Detailed Condition: