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A View of Karakakooa, in Owyhee.

Stock#: 54336
Map Maker: Cook
Date: 1784 circa
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 13 x 9 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Earliest Known Image of Surfing!

Important early view of Captain Cook's anchorage at Karakakooa Bay, drawn from original artwork by John Webber.

Shows dozens of Native Hawaiian canoes and sail boats going out from a coastal village. The view is also noteworthy in that it is the earliest printed image to include an image of a surfboard (foreground, between the two outriggers).

From an English edition of Cook's account of his 3rd Voyage. The scene was originally sketched by John Webber, a talented young artist who accompanied Capt. James Cook on his third voyage to the Pacific in 1776-1780.

Detailed Condition: