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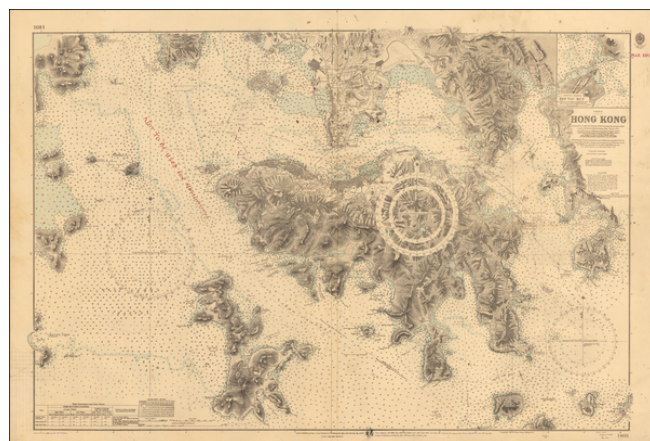
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Stock#: 55630
Map Maker: British Admiralty
Date: 1843 (1952)
Place: London
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 40 x 27.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

An Exceptional Post-World War II Chart of Hong Kong and Environs -- The First British survey of Hong Kong Harbor, updated to 1952

Remarkably detailed British Admiralty Sea Chart of Hong Kong, first published in 1843, based upon the surveys of Sir Edward Belcher.

This example includes a large note in red manuscript stating "NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION." Annotations in the area of Lamtung and other parts of the east side of the chart suggest that it was probably annotated by an official source, for use in the next set of small updates, a suggestion confirmed by the purple notes in the lower left "Small Corrections" area, which appears in the same hand as the purple annotations in the chart.

An area off Tsing Islands is referenced as "Dupming Ground (Explosives)." The area between Siu Kau Island and Kau Chau Island is shown as "Dumping Ground (Salvages)."

Belcher's survey was the first large format map or sea chart of Hong Kong. On January 26, 1841, Edward Belcher and his men were the first of the British fleet to land on Possession Point at the north shore of Hong Kong for the British Crown. He subsequently made the first British survey of Hong Kong harbor. While the map is dated 1841, the first edition of the map was not published until May 1843.



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Over the next century, the chart was regularly revised and improved, most notably with contributions from three later surveys conducted by Commander A.M. Field in 1891, Commander W.U. Moore in 1892-93, Captain M.H. Smyth in 1901-02, Commander C.E. Monro in 1905 and by the Hong Kong Harbour Department and Admiralty thereafter.

The character and detail of Hong Kong and the contiguous part of Kaulung have evolved considerably.

The chart presents a remarkable image of Hong Kong on the eve of World War II, reflecting its remarkable transformation over the prior century.

Detailed Condition:

Includes manuscript corrections and annotations, likely used to correct later charts.