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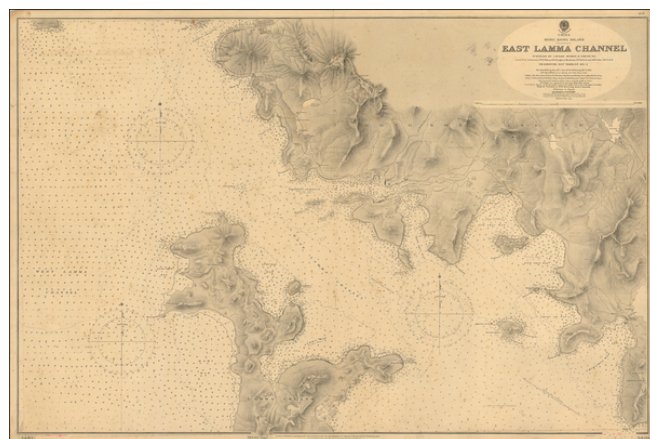
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Hong Kong Island -- East Lamma Channel. Surveyed by Captain Morris H. Smyth, R.N. . . . H.M. Surveying Ship 'Rambler,' 1901-2

Stock#: 55660
Map Maker: British Admiralty
Date: 1904 (1928)
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 39 x 25.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Scarce map of the southwestern part of Hong Kong Island and Lamma Island, first published by the British Admiralty in 1904.

The map covers all of Lamma island and covers Hong Kong from Mount Davis and Pok Fu Lam in the northwest to Bluff Head, Stanley (also called Chikchui Fishing Village on the map) and Chug Hom Kok, centered on South Horizons and Deep Water Bay. As noted in *Charting The Pearl River Delta* (Hong Kong Maritime Museum):

The chart was referenced to a datum position in Aberdeen Harbour although, curiously, the contemporary plan of Aberdeen was always produced as a separate chart (see chart 3385) until the two were combined in a new chart in 1969 (see chart 1918). The datum position was Deep Pass Point (now in a shipyard on the shoreline below the Catholic Seminary at the end of Welfare Rd., Wong Chuk Hang) given as in position 22° 14' 50"N 114° 9' 38"E referenced to the flagstaff on Victoria Peak being in 22° 16' 39.3"N 114° 8' 37.78"E assuming the Hong Kong Observatory was in longitude 114° 10' 18.75"E.

The chart number is today in use for a chart of the Rade de Brest, France.

Lt. Douglas went on to become Rear Admiral H.P. Douglas, Hydrographer to the Navy and inventor of the Douglas Protractor and the Douglas (now international) sea state scale.



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The pencil notes add the names Deep Water Bay and Repulse Bay.

The lighthouse on Green Island, across from Mount Davis is shown. Across the Channel, a bit of the town plan now the west end of Belcher Road is shown, with a Rope Works and Gov't Wharf. Outside the town's streets, a "Plague Hospital," and Cattle Market appear west of Reservoir.

At Taiho Wan (Telegraph Bay), a Good landing place, Misson College, Monastery and Dairy farm are shown.

At Aberdeen, the Docks are shown, along with Shekpaian Village, a Stone Bridge, Joss House, Police Station, and Chimney Paper Works.

Near Deep Water Bay, a Tile Works and area labeled "Cutting for Clay" is shown. Further east is Cable House and the Golf Links.

At the far eastern side of the chart, the villages of Stanley and Taitam appear with several Joss Houses in the area and a police station.

Lamma Island is largely uninhabited, with a small Village, Joss House, Boat House and well noted on the northeast side near Lukchau (George Island). Sokku Wan (Picnic Bay), includes an area in the interior of the bay locating "nets".

Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling and some early pencil annotations and calculations.