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Carte Generale de L'Ocean Pacifique Dressee Par Mr. C. A. Vincendon-Dumoulin Ingenieur Hydrographe de la Marine Publiee Sours le Ministere de Mr. Romaine- Desfosses . . . en 1851

Stock#: 57343
Map Maker: Depot de la Marine
Date: 1851
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 41.3 x 28.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Showing Lake Torrens as an Inland Sea in South Australia

Impressive chart of the Pacific, including Australia and the Americas. It was first published in 1851.

The map includes an early appearance of Hong Kong.

The chart was compiled by French naval hydrographer Clement Adrien Vincendon-Dumoulin who served aboard two important expeditions to the South Pacific and beyond. Vincendon-Dumoulin accompanied the scientific voyage of 1822-1825 under Duperrey; he also served aboard the second Dumont d'Urville expedition 1837-1840 which sailed well into Antarctic waters. French scientific voyaging of this era aimed to resolve remaining geographical anomalies, and produce accurate hydrographical charting of remote Pacific waters.

Much of the detail of inland Australia is clearly informed by English language exploration accounts.

One curious feature is the size and extent of Lake Torrens in South Australia, here misrepresented as a horseshoe shaped lake on the scale of an inland sea.

Lake Torrens

Approximately 35,000 years ago, the lake water was fresh to brackish, but has become increasingly saline since. The traditional owners of the area are the Arabunna peoples to the north, the Kokatha to the west



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and the Kyuni to the east. The first European to see the lake was Edward Eyre in 1839 who spotted the salt bed from Mount Arden at the head of the Spencer Gulf. Eyre named the lake after Colonel Robert Torrens who was one of the founders of the South Australian colony.

Detailed Condition: