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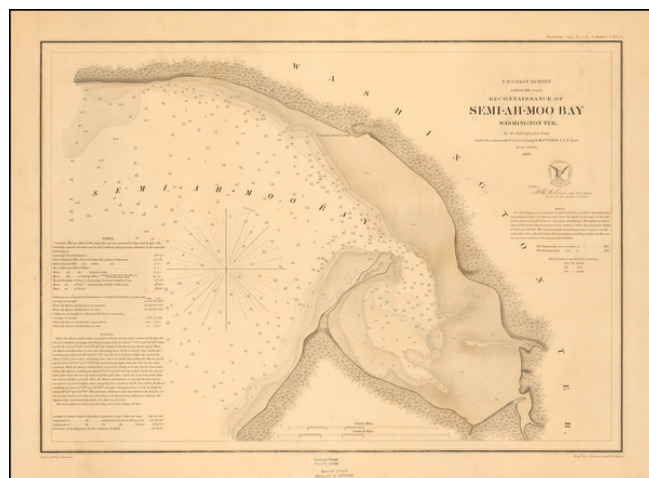
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## Reconnaissance of Semi-Ah-Moo Bay Washington Ter. By the Hydrographic Party under the command of Lieut. R.M. Cuyler U.S.N. Asst . . .1858 (Thick Paper copy)

**Stock#:** 57534  
**Map Maker:** United States Coast Survey -  
Davidson  
**Date:** 1858  
**Place:** Washington, D.C.  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 16.5 x 11.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### *Establishing the Canadian-American Boundary Line in 1858*

Fine separately published sea chart of Semiahoo Bay, in the northern part of the Georgia Straits, published by the United States Coast Survey.

The bay is immediately south of Vancouver, just across the border in Washington Territory.

The only place name land is Commission Camp, likely a reference to the camp utilized by the British American Boundary Commission survey party.

Includes detailed soundings and sailing directions.

This separately issued example was part of the George Davidson collection, given to the Bancroft Library by Davidson. The annotations in blue may be in Davidson's hand.

#### **Boundary Camp**

Following the signing of the Oregon Boundary Treaty on June 15, 1846, a commission was established to survey and establish the boundary, which was set primarily at the 49th parallel.

In 1858, the boundary was actually marked out on the ground. A British party under the command of British Commissioner Captain John Summerfield Hawkins of the Royal Engineers, in co-operation with a



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similar party from the United States, under the command of US Commissioner Archibald Campbell, met August 13, 1858 at Semiahmoo Bay to work out the protocol for the Survey to establish the 49th parallel.

Prior to the arrival of the parties, a camp that improved the beach berm was created by local contractors. The Boundary Commission erected their camp, among the remnants of the earlier camp, on a little strip of open land near the mouth of the little Campbell River close to one of the Semiahmoo winter camps. The site was just north of the forty-ninth parallel; contained a fresh water supply, and the Campbell River channel provided water access over the tidal flats. While at this site the troops constructed about a mile and three-quarters of good road along the shore of Semiahmoo Bay between the boundary and Camp Semiahmoo.

This base was later used while the boundary was slashed and marked from Semiahmoo Bay to the Sumas Flats.

**Detailed Condition:**

Printed on thick paper.