Survey of the Harbour of Panama by the Sloops Descubierta & Atrevida by Order of His Catholic Majesty in the Year 1791.

Stock#:   58506
Map Maker: Arrowsmith

Date: 1800
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 30 x 22 inches

Price: SOLD
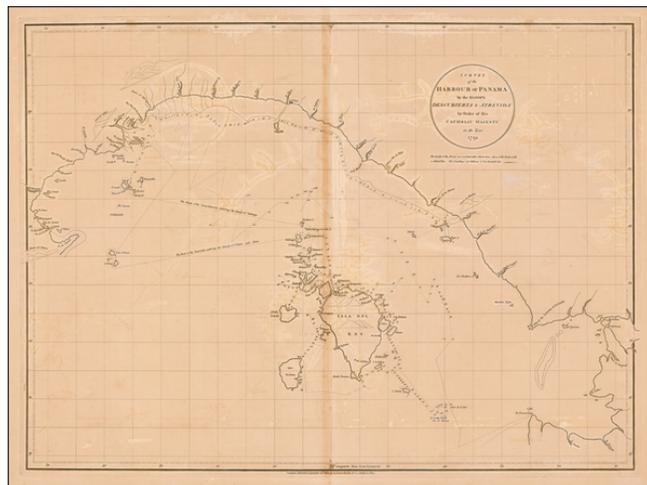
Description:

Rare Aaron Arrowsmith map of Panama Harbor, published in London in 1800.

Arrowsmith's chart is an English edition of a rare Spanish hydrographical chart illustrating the route of the Malaspina Expedition through the Gulf of Panama in 1791.

Funded by the Spanish government, this scientific expedition was commanded by Alessandro Malaspina and José de Bustamante y Guerra with the purpose of further exploring the Pacific Ocean. Numerous experts accompanied the expedition, including surveyors, astronomers, cartographers, painters, and botanists. The five-year expedition succeeded in measuring the western coast of North America more precisely than ever before. The tracks of the two ships, Descubierta and Atrevida, are shown on this chart along with depth soundings and navigational hazards. Malaspina was imprisoned upon his return to Spain due to his involvement in a conspiracy to overthrow the government, and most of the findings of his expedition were not published for more than 100 years.

Rarity

OCLC locates 4 examples (State Library of New South Wales, British Library, Clements Library and National Maritime Museum (Greenwich)).

Detailed Condition:

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MInor toning and discoloration to centerfold.