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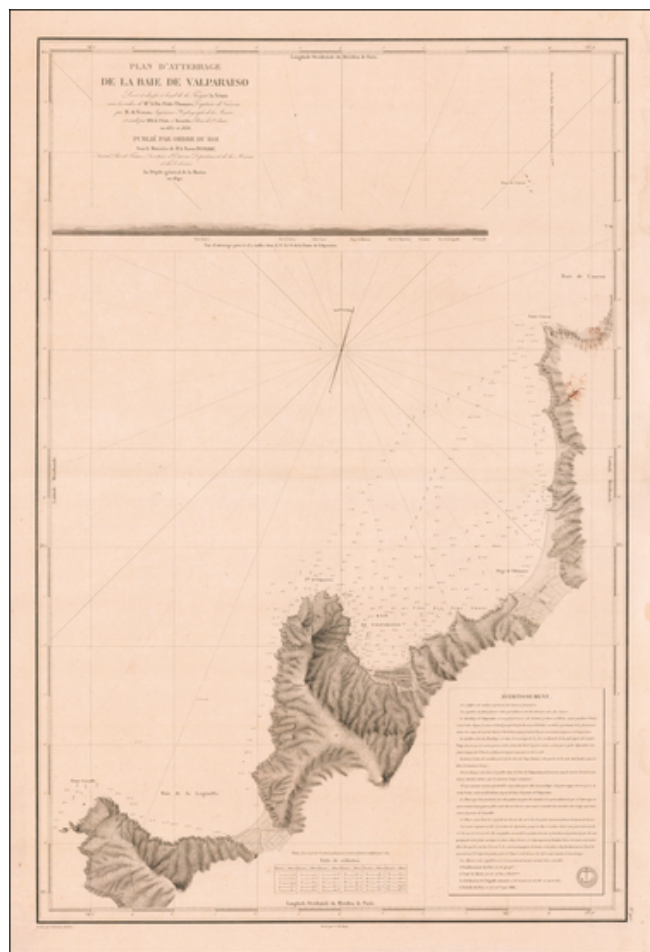
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**Plan D'Atterrage de la Baie de Valparaiso Leve et dresse a bord de la Fregate la Venus .
.. en 1837 et 1838.**

Stock#: 58894
Map Maker: Du Petit-Thouars
Date: 1840
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 23 x 34.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A Rare Separately Published Chart of the Valparaiso Coastline

Good example of this extremely rare sea chart of the area around Valparaiso in Chile, which accompanied Abel Aubert DuPetit-Thouars monumental work on the West Coast of America, Hawaii, etc.

The present chart is a rare separately issued chart (with the price of Deux Francs at the bottom right), which differentiates this example from the chart issued in DuPetit-Thouars' 11 volume *Voyage Autour du Monde sur la Frégate la Vénus pendant les années 1836-1839, publié par ordre du Roi, sous les auspices du Ministre de la Marine, par M. Abel du Petit-Thouars, Capitaine de vaisseau, Commandeur de la Légion*



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d'honneur . . . published in Paris (1840-1844, 1855 and 1864). Bancroft, who never saw a copy of the *Atlas*, described the work as the most important of all books relating to the history of California during the Mexican period, 1824-1846. It is likely that the separately published chart pre-dates the publication of the chart in the Atlas volume.

During the 1830s, the French interest in scientific exploration and commercial reconnaissance of the newly independent nations in the Americas was at its peak. Dupetit-Thouars visited Valparaiso, Callao, and Honolulu, and reached Kamchatka in August 1837. He then recrossed the north Pacific to the California coast, visiting Monterey, San Blas, and Acapulco, and finally the Galapagos in January, 1838. After spending 6 months in the Galapagos, the entourage left for the South Pacific, before returning to France in June 1839.

Rarity

The chart is very rare on the market, especially as a separately published sheet.

Detailed Condition:

Minor toning and staining.