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Chart of the Northern Passage Between Asia & America

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Map Maker: Thomson

Date: 1816
Place: Edinburgh
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 23 x 19.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Scarce map of the Northwest Passage, the northwest coast of America and northeast coast of Asia.

The map extensively tracks the voyages of Captain James Cook beyond the Bering Straits on a nearly daily basis in 1778 and 1779. In the Arctic Sea, a note regarding McKenzie having cited the sea on July 10, 1789 is present, along with a note concerning the establishment of a post at Whale Island.

The watercourse from Slave Lake to the Arctic Sea is shown, along with anecdotal Indian notes. The detail of the Pacific coast begins in the San Diego area and notes the missions, points, bays, capes, etc. Mt. Hood is shown, as is Mt. St. Helens and Quadra of Vancouver's Island but almost no information regarding Puget Sound. From the Columbia River northward, the map grows increasingly detailed, especially in the Aleutian Islands, which are quite detailed for the time period. Cook's tracks from 1778 are in abundance.

One of the best early 19th Century maps of the region to appear in a commercial atlas.

Detailed Condition: