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Manukau Harbour Surveyed By Commander B. Drury; Messrs. H. Kerr, and P. Oke, Second Masters; A. Farmer and C. Stanley, Masters Assistants and W. Blackney, R.N. 1853

Stock#: 59313
Map Maker: British Admiralty
Date: 1860 (1863)
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 36.5 x 23.2 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A Rare Early Sea Chart of Manukau Bay and the Area to the South of Auckland

Fine large format map of Manukau Harbor and environs, published by the British Admiralty, first published in 1860.

The chart is based upon British Surveys undertaken by the Admiralty in 1853 and includes a large inset map of the continuation of the Waiuku River, extending further to the south of the main chart.

A number of roads are shown, along with topographical features, and extensive surveys and observations useful for navigating the rivers, shallows and other parts of the harbor, as well as tidal observations and other important sailing information.

The map extends to Mount Wellington and the Village of Panmure in the northwest, covering the area immediately to the south of Auckland, locating several small villages and settlements, including

- Nehunga
- Mangari native settlement
- Village of Panmure
- Village of Otahuhu
- Nga Timananga Tribe lands
- Township of Drury



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Includes the shop stamp for "J. Donne, Admiralty Chart Agent and Nautical Bookseller. . ." in Melbourne, Australia.

Regional History

The Ngāti Whātua and Tainui were the main tribes living in the area when Europeans arrived. The tribes were in conflict, aided by weapons acquired from the European settlers. Once Ngāpuhi became skilled with muskets, they displaced Māori from the Auckland area in a series of campaigns over the 1820s.

In January 1832, Joseph Brooks Weller acquired extensive land holdings, including the sites of the modern cities of Auckland and North Shore and part of Rodney District.

When the Musket Wars ended, New Zealand was annexed by Britain and Lieutenant Governor Hobson was sent to sign the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840. Until that time, New Zealand was part of New South Wales.

Rarity

OCLC locates 3 example of the map (British Library, National Library of New Zealand and University of Auckland Library).

Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling at the right side of the chart.