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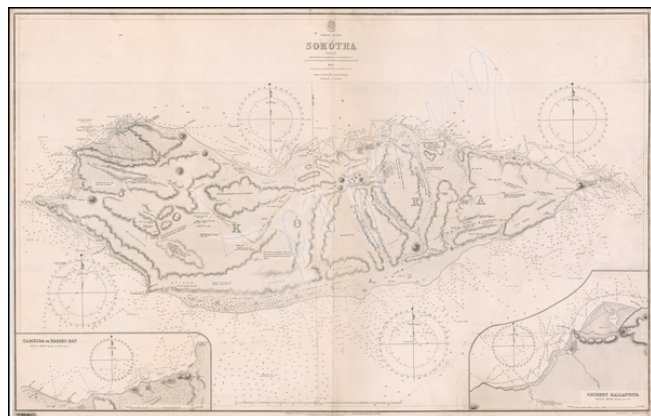
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Indian Ocean -- Sokotra Surveyed by Lieutenants S.B. Haines and I.R. Wellsted, I.N. . . . 1835

Stock#: 59393
Map Maker: British Admiralty
Date: 1857 1887
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: Good
Size: 38.5 x 24 inches
Price: \$ 575.00



Description:

A Rare Early Sea Chart of Socotra Island.

Fine large format Socotra Island, published by the British Admiralty, first published in 1857.

Includes large insets of Tamrida or Hadibo Bay and Ghubbet Kallansiya

Regional History

In 1507, Tristão da Cunha with Afonso de Albuquerque landed on the island and captured the Suq, the capital, in order to establish a base on the route to India. Tomás Fernandes started to build a fortress at Suq, the Forte de São Miguel de Socotorá, but the island proved inhospitable and the Portuguese abandoned the island four years later.

The islands passed under the control of the Mahra sultans in 1511. In 1737,

In 1834, the East India Company, in the expectation that the Mahra sultan of Qishn and Socotra, who resided at Qishn on the mainland, would accept an offer to sell the island, stationed a garrison on Socotra, which proved unsuccessful. The British left in 1835. After the capture of Aden in 1839, the British lost all interest in acquiring Socotra.

In January 1876, in exchange for a payment of 3000 thalers and a yearly subsidy, the sultan pledged "himself, his heirs and successors, never to cede, to sell, to mortgage, or otherwise give for occupation, save to the British Government, the Island of Socotra or any of its dependencies." In April 1886, the British government, concerned about reports that the German navy had been visiting various ports in the



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Red Sea and the Indian Ocean for the purpose of securing a naval base, decided to conclude a protectorate treaty with the sultan in which he promised this time to "refrain from entering into any correspondence, agreement, or treaty with any foreign nation or power, except with the knowledge and sanction of the British Government", and give immediate notice to the British Resident at Aden of any attempt by another power to interfere with Socotra and its dependencies.

Detailed Condition:

Soiled, with blue pencil notes.