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New Zealand North Island -- West Coast -- Kawhia Harbour Surveyed By Commander B. Drury; P. Oke, Secd. Mast. and H. Ellis Assts., R.N. 1854

Stock#: 59472
Map Maker: British Admiralty
Date: 1857
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 38 x 24 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A Rare Early Sea Chart of Kawhia Harbor, Prior to the Land Wars of the 1860s.

Fine large format map of Kawhia Harbor and environs, published by the British Admiralty, first published in 1857.

The chart is based upon British surveys undertaken by the Admiralty in 1854 and includes a large profile view of the harbor.

Regional History

Kawhia was the birthplace of Maori warrior chief Te Rauparaha of the Ngati Toa, who lived in the area until the 1820s, at which time his tribe along with Ngati Rarua and Ngati Koata migrated southwards.

Kawhia is known in Maori lore as the final resting-place of the ancestral waka (canoe) Tainui. Soon after arrival, captain Hoturoa made it first priority to establish a whare wananga (sacred school of learning) which was named Ahurei.

European traders arrived in the 1820s and were followed by Wesleyan Methodist missionaries, who established mission stations on land nearby in the 1830s. Land was also sold to European settlers. Kawhia was closed to Europeans after the Waikato land wars of the 1860s.

In 1880, the government bought a block of land previously owned by an early settler. The new town of Kawhia was laid out at Pouewe on the northern shores of the harbour in 1882. King Tawhiao was not consulted, but eventually agreed to the town's establishment, and Europeans returned.



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