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Chart of the New Discoveries in the Northern Ocean 1781

Stock#: 59553
Map Maker: Cary
Date: 1781
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 15 x 7 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Finely executed map of the Northwestern part of America and Northeastern part of Asia, engraved by John Cary in 1781.

The map illustrates the limited English knowledge along the Northwest Coast of America and the Aleutian Islands, illustrating the discoveries of Captain James Cook.

The map highlights the limited knowledge of the region, which until recently had been influenced by the maps of Thomas Jefferys, Philippe Buache and the Robert de Vauguandy family of mapmakers, based upon the reports of the Russians and a mix of myth and legend developed by Guillaume De L'Isle and his successors, integrating the Bay of the West, River of the West and apocryphal accounts of the Northwest Passage.

Rarity

The map is very rare. We find no other examples, although the information at the top right margin suggests that it was *Plate VII of Volume IV* of a work we were not able to identify.

Detailed Condition: