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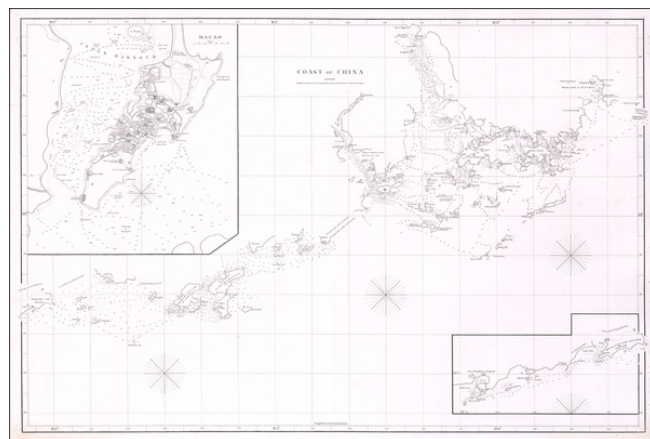
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Coast of China

Stock#: 60832op
Map Maker: Arrowsmith
Date: 1812
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 38 x 25.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the First Charts to Use The Modern Name for Hong Kong

Extremely rare sea chart of Hong Kong by Aaron Arrowsmith, published in London 1812, the second earliest map to properly name "Hong Kong."

The chart covers the largely incomplete coastline of Hong Kong and the surrounding regions, with a large inset of Macao and a second inset map extending further east from Hailing Island to Boho Harbor and Dafangii Island.

Source Material: Daniel Ross and John Barrow

The chart is based on three contemporary charts: Daniel Ross' 1810 [*Chart of the different Passages leading to Macao Roads*](#), the first map to use the modern name Hong Kong, and Ross' 1807 [*This Survey of part of the South Coast of China*](#). Arrowsmith merged the information from Ross' two charts around Macao. Interestingly, Arrowsmith ignores the more advanced cartography around Macao from Ross' *Macao Roads* in favor of the outlines of the *South Coast of China*. This raises the possibility that Arrowsmith was taking his map directly from a single Daniel Ross manuscript map.

While earlier charts had begun to reference "Hyong Kong" or "Heong Kong" in the late 18th century, it was not until Ross's remarkable chart of 1810 that the name was corrected to its modern usage.

As Ross was not allowed into Macao, and could not prosecute a survey of the area, the inset of Macao is based on John Barrow's 1796 [*A plan of the city and harbour of Macao a colony of the Portuguese situated at the southern extremity of the Chinese Empire*](#), which appeared in Staunton's *Embassy*.



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There were two primary mapping traditions at the time this map was made: the tradition stemming from Huddart (Laurie & Whittle; Steel; etc.) and from Ross (Ross; Ross manuscript tradition; Arrowsmith). Norie issued a chart that combined the traditions (relying heavily on Ross). Ross was a substantial improvement over Huddart.

Rarity

Arrowsmith's chart is an exceptional rarity, for which we locate only a single example in the British Library (OCLC 556903061).

No copy located at auction or in dealer catalogs.

Detailed Condition: