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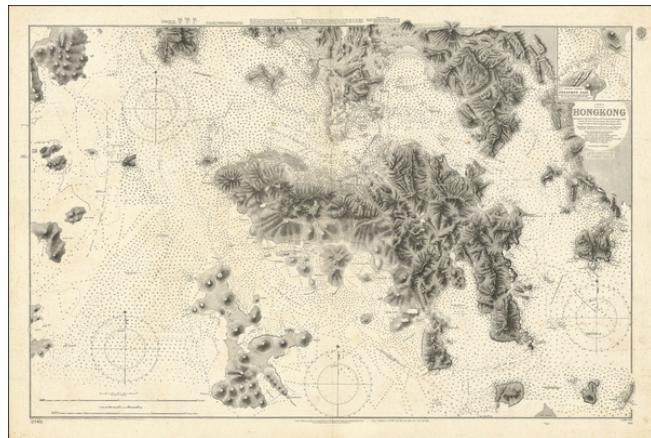
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Stock#: 61628op
Map Maker: British Admiralty
Date: 1843 (1894)
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 40 x 27.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

An Exceptional Late 19th Century Chart of Hong Kong and Environs -- The First British survey of Hong Kong Harbor

Remarkably detailed British Admiralty Sea Chart of Hong Kong, first published in 1843, based upon the surveys of Sir Edward Belcher.

Belcher's survey was the first large format map or sea chart of Hong Kong. On January 26, 1841, Edward Belcher and his men were the first of the British fleet to land on Possession Point at the north shore of Hong Kong for the British Crown. He subsequently made the first British survey of Hong Kong harbor. While the map is dated 1841, the first edition of the map was not published until May 1843.

Over the next century, the chart was regularly revised and improved, most notably with contributions from three later surveys conducted by Commander A.M. Field in 1891, Commander W.U. Moore in 1892-93 and Captain M.H. Smyth in 1901-02.

The present chart apparently does not yet show Smyth's survey details, but it does include small corrections to 1903.

The character and detail of Hong Kong and the contiguous part of Kaulung have evolved considerably.

The chart presents a remarkable image of Hong Kong at the end of the 19th Century at about the time of the signing of the Convention for the Extension of Hong Kong Territory.



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