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Macao Surveyed By Captn. Peter Heywood H.M.S. Dedaigneuse 1804

Stock#: 61653
Map Maker: British Admiralty
Date: 1840 (1858)
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 18 x 24 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A Surreptitious Survey of Macau By A Famed British Officer

Rare separately published sea chart of Macau, published by the British Admiralty, based upon the work of Peter Heywood, of *Mutiny on the Bounty* fame.

The chart shows the town of Macau, harbors and roadstead, along with Typa or Kaikong Island. In the first years of the nineteenth century this was the major anchorage point, but by the time this chart was published was no longer being used.

The information for the chart is based upon a survey in 1804 under the instruction of Captain Peter Heywood of HMS *Dedaigneuse*. The chart was originally published by the Hydrographic Office of the Admiralty on August 1840, with this example updated to 1858.



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Very little has been written about Heywood's charting of Macau. As Macau was then under Portuguese control, it is quite likely that the chart was done in secret. In December 1804 Heywood carried out a detailed survey in the *Dedaigneuse* of the Typa, the anchorage off of Macau. Coincidentally, Heywood's survey superseded the survey carried out by William Bligh in 1779-80, when the latter was master of the *Resolution* during Cook's third voyage. However, it was not attributed to Bligh in the published account of Cook's third voyage.

Peter Heywood

Peter Heywood (1772 - 1831) was a British naval officer who is perhaps best remembered as being on board HMS *Bounty* during the mutiny of April 28, 1789. He was later captured in Tahiti, tried and condemned to death as a mutineer, but subsequently pardoned. He resumed his naval career and eventually retired with the rank of post-captain, after 29 years of service.

In 1803, after a succession of commands, Heywood was promoted to post-captain. In command of HMS *Leopard*, Heywood conducted a series of surveys of the eastern coasts of Ceylon and India, areas that had not been studied previously. In later years he was to produce similar charts for the north coast of Morocco, the River Plate area of South America, parts of the coasts of Sumatra and north-west Australia, and other channels and coastlines.

His skill as a hydrographer may well have developed from Bligh's tutelage in the earlier stages of the *Bounty* voyage. Bligh, an accomplished draughtsman, had written of Fletcher Christian and Peter Heywood, "These two had been objects of my particular regard and attention, and I had taken great pains to instruct them."

James Horsburgh, Hydrographer to the East India Company, wrote that Heywood's work had, "essentially contributed to making my Sailing Directory for the Indian navigation much more perfect than it would otherwise have been." The extent of Heywood's professional reputation was demonstrated when the position of Admiralty Hydrographer was offered to him in 1818, after he had retired from the sea. He declined, and the appointment went to Francis Beaufort on Heywood's recommendation.

Rarity

The chart is very rare, with no prior appearances at auction or in dealer catalogs.

We locate only one example of the 1840 edition (British Library) and one example of the 1858 edition (British Library). The Hong Kong Maritime Museum also holds a copy of the 1804 edition of the map.



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Detailed Condition:

Dissected and laid on linen, with paste down label.