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Hong Kong surveyed by Captn. Sir Edward Belcher, in H.M.S. Sulphur 1841

Stock#: 61663
Map Maker: British Admiralty
Date: 1843 (1857)
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 36 x 24 inches
Price: \$12,500.00



Description:

The First Printed Map of Hong Kong

Early edition of the first printed map of Hong Kong, first published in 1843 by the British Admiralty Chart of Hong Kong, based upon the surveys of Sir Edward Belcher.

Belcher's survey is 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 state of the map was not published until May 1843.

In comparing the map to the 1846 state, we note changes in the following areas:

- Naming and improved coastline for Taihowan Bay and Sandy Bay
- Staunton's Valley named and improved
- Settlements in Victoria Bay are nearly doubled
- Settlement shown in Happy Valley
- Taitoo Id. is now Taitoo or Junk Island
- Adrich Bay, Sywan Bay and Little Sywan Bay are named with better detail along the coastline.
- Shicko and Tootewan are shown.

The chart was re-issued on a number of occasions over the next 35 years or more; however, all states of the map are scarce on the market.

This is the first time we have ever seen the 1857 state offered for sale.



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Detailed Condition:

Dissected and laid on linen, with pastedown title on verso.