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## Map of Part of the Island of Hawaii Sandwich Islands Shewing the Craters and Eruptions of May and June 1840.

**Stock#:** 66347  
**Map Maker:** Wilkes  
**Date:** 1841 (1845)  
**Place:** Philadelphia  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 23.5 x 15.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

***"The first geometrically constructed map of any significant portion of Hawaii." Fitzpatrick (pages 95-97)***

Large antique engraved map of the area around the Mauna Loa, Mauna Kea, and Kilauea volcanoes, as well as the Hawaiian coast between Laupahoehoe and Kahaualea.

The outline of the map was derived by Wilkes himself while standing on the summit of Puhuluhulu, which is shown on the map. This sketch map was filled in with information from subsequent surveys by Wilkes at Mauna Loa, Kilauea, Mauna Kea, and Hilo. Because of this work, Fitzpatrick calls it "the first geometrically constructed map of any significant portion of Hawaii". The map does have some flaws; its location of Kilauea is off by 8 miles and Hilo is off by 4 miles.

The "Pendulum Peak" shows where Wilkes set up a giant pendulum to measure the density of the Earth's crust.

A rare large-format Wilkes map.

### Detailed Condition:

Folding map. Some minor toning and offsetting.