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**(An Owl and Sparrow on the Japanese Coast) Изображение Совы почтанной на
Корабль близъ Японскоаго берега | Die Japanische Eule.**

Stock#: 70858
Map Maker: Krusenstern
Date: 1813
Place: St. Petersburg
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 15 x 19 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Magnificent Natural History Engraving of an Owl and Sparrow on the Japanese Coast.

Fine example of this skillfully-engraved image of an owl and sparrow set against the backdrop of the Japanese coastline. The engraving is based upon drawings taken by Wilhelm Gottlieb Tilesius in 1804-5, which appeared in the atlas to accompany Ivan Federovich von Krusenstern's account of the first Russian circumnavigation.

The view is drawn from the work of German naturalist and illustrator Wilhelm Gottlieb Tilesius (1769-1857), who accompanied Krusenstern on the expedition. Knowing that his expedition would result in new findings, Krusenstern included Tilesius to serve as an illustrator for biological research. Tilesius effectively became the official illustrator and later published many specialized scientific articles regarding the expedition.

This is plate 44 (XLIV) from the atlas.



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The atlas of *Reise um die Welt*

This view appeared in the atlas volume that accompanied Krusenstern's account. Dedicated to the Czar, the magnificent atlas is a great rarity. Krusenstern's account of the circumnavigation has been described as:

an example of the extraordinary labour and perseverance of the author, as well as his superior talents as a navigator and astronomer. None of his statements have ever been called into question; while the discoveries and nautical corrections are universally acknowledged to have been of infinite service to navigation (Dawson, Memoirs of Hydrography, Eastbourne, 1885)

The atlas volume is widely-recognized as a tremendous cartographic and printing achievement and its contents are rare on the market. This is the first time we have offered this view.

Detailed Condition:

A small amount of foxing in the right blank margin, easily framed out.