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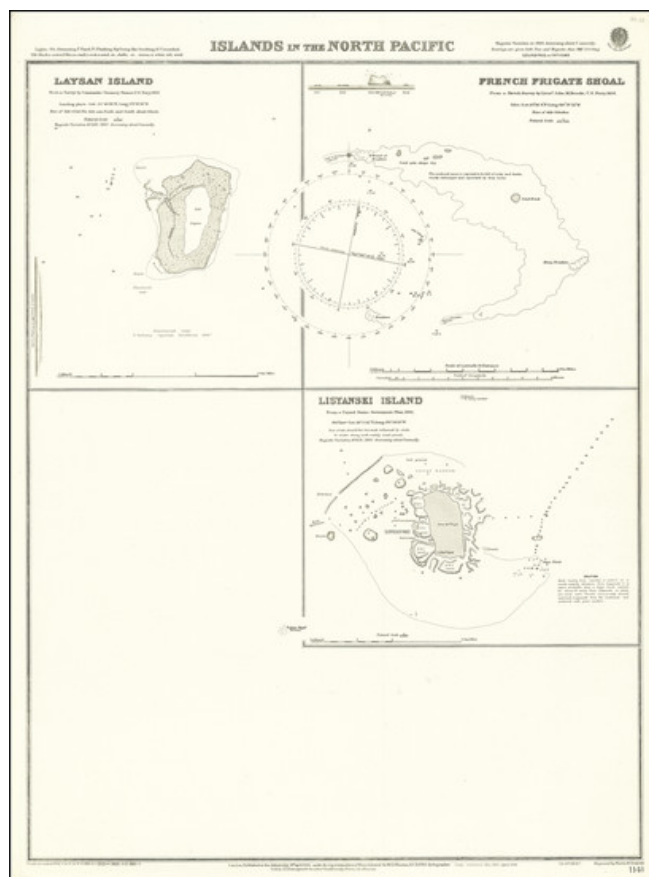
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Stock#: 71486
Map Maker: British Admiralty
Date: 1900 (1904)
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 25.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare sea chart covering three of the largest Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

French Frigate Shoals is the largest atoll in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. Its name commemorates French explorer Jean-François de La Pérouse, who nearly lost two frigates when attempting to navigate the shoals. La Pérouse, aboard the frigate *Boussole*, was sailing westward from Monterey en route to Macau. On November 6, 1786, sailors sighted breakers directly in their path, about a thousand feet ahead. Both the *Boussole* and her companion vessel, the frigate *Astrolabe*, were immediately brought about, passing within a few hundred feet of the breakers. At daybreak, the ships returned and mapped the southeastern half of the atoll, as well as finding the rock that would later be named after La Pérouse. La Pérouse named the shoals Basse des Frégates Françaises, the "Shoal of the French Frigates".

Laysan Island (Kauō) is a part of the Hawaiian Islands. It is located about 800 miles northwest of



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Honolulu. The first reported sightings of the island were by Massachusetts whalers in the 1820s. The *Nantucket Enquirer* reported a sighting in 1825. They were among many who took advantage of the newly discovered whaling grounds off the coast of Japan, making the waters around the Northwest Hawaiian archipelago an increasingly popular commercial route. Various publications name Capt. Stanyukovich of the Russian ship *Moller* as the discoverer of Laysan. Although he mapped the island in 1828 and attempted to name it for his ship, he clearly was there after the New Englanders, at least. In 1857, Capt. John Paty of the *Manuokawai* annexed Laysan to the Kingdom of Hawai'i.

Lisianski Island is a part of the Hawaiian Islands. It is located about 150 miles southeast of Midway and about 1000 miles west of Honolulu.

Detailed Condition: