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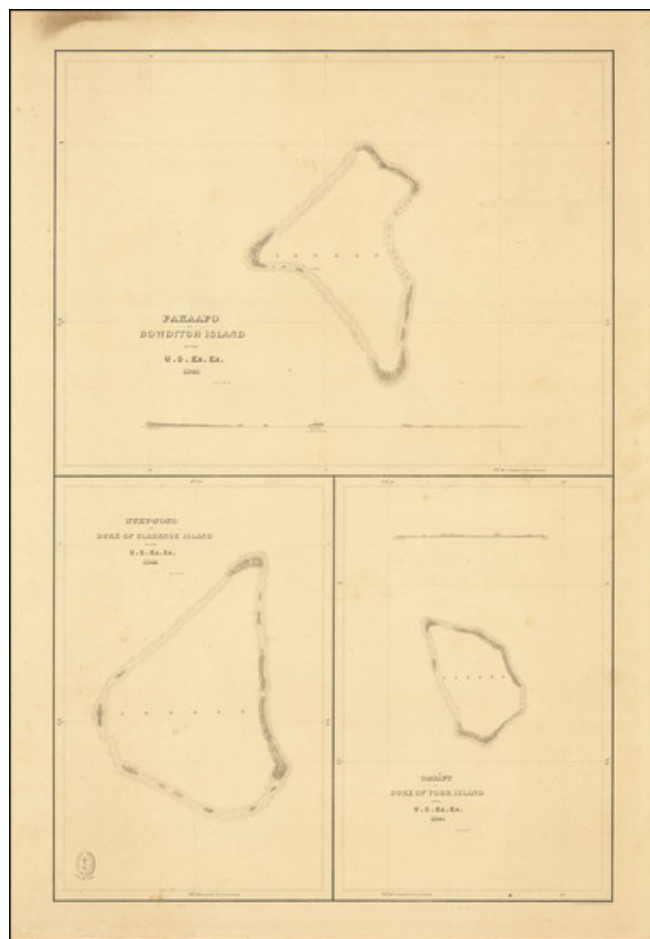
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**Fakaafu or Bowditch Island... [on sheet with:] Nuku-Nono or Duke of Clarence Island...
[with:] Oatáfu or Duke of York Island...**

Stock#: 71791
Map Maker: Wilkes
Date: 1841
Place: New York
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size:
Price: SOLD



Description:

Heavy-Paper Wilkes Chart of Pacific Atolls.

Detailed chart of three atolls, which were explored by the U.S. Exploring Expedition in 1841.

The islands comprise the three main atolls of Tokelau, a remote group of atolls in the Pacific Ocean between Hawaii and New Zealand.

Today the atolls are called Fakaofu, Nukunonu, and Atafu.

On April 5, 1841, the U.S. Ex. Ex. fleet departed Honolulu, the *Porpoise* and *Vincennes* for the Pacific



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Northwest, the *Peacock* and *Flying Fish* to resurvey Samoa, before rejoining the squadron. Along the way, the *Peacock* and *Flying Fish* surveyed Jarvis Island, Enderbury Island, the Tokelau Islands, and Fakaaofo. The *Peacock* followed this with surveys of the Tuvalu islands of Nukufetau, Vaitupu, and Nanumanga in March, followed by Tabiteuea in April. Also in April, the *Peacock* surveyed the Gilbert Islands of Nonouti, Aranuka, Maiana, Abemama, Kuria, Tarawa, Marakei, Butaritari, and Makin, before returning to Ohau on June 13. The *Peacock* and *Flying Fish* then left for the Columbia River on June 21.

The heavy-paper Wilkes charts are much rarer and more desirable than the thin, banknote style paper of the editions.

Detailed Condition:

Minor marginal soiling.