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(Orkney Islands) A New Chart of the North Coast of Scotland from Cape Wrath to Duncansby Head, with Pentland Firth, and the Orkney Islands

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Map Maker: Laurie & Whittle

Date: 1794
Place: London

Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG

Size: 35.5 x 23 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Fantastic nautical chart of the northern coast of Scotland, up to North Ronaldsay, with water depths, directions of currents, and extensive notes.

An inset map shows Holm and Water Sounds and Riddock Shoal is described as a recently formed and discovered shoal in the western approaches to Scapa Flow. Pentland Firth's tidal races, along with the various hazards they create—whirlpools and eddies—are noted.

Long used as a safe harbor, Scapa Flow most prominently served as a naval base during both World Wars. In 1919, it became the site of the scuttling of the German High Seas Fleet, where 52 of the 74 vessels, interned under the terms of the Armistice, were successfully and intentionally sank. The end of World War II brought the completion of the Churchill Barriers, intended as naval defenses and since serving as road links between the Orkney Mainland, South Ronaldsay, Burray (Burray), Lambs Holm (Laman), and Glimps Holm (Glimsholm).

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color. Faint offsetting. Minor soiling and toning; mostly contained to margins. Some edge damage: knick at bottom centerfold, upper left and right corner tears.