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Chart of the Viti Group or Feejee Islands . . . 1840

Stock#: 93227
Map Maker: Wilkes
Date: 1845
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Uncolored
Condition: Good
Size: 34 x 24 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare Separately Published Example with United States Ex Ex Seal

Separately published example (with US Exploring Expedition Seal at bottom left) of the Wilkes Chart of the Fiji Island group, which accompanied the official account of Wilkes Expedition.

Charles Wilkes led an important early American exploring expedition conducted almost exclusively at sea. The expedition had numerous accomplishments to its credit, including mapping nearly three hundred islands, a thorough exploration of the American Northwest Coast, and establishing the true nature of Antarctica as a continent. Other scientific works arising from the voyage followed in later years.

Despite the problems caused by Wilkes's infamous temper, the expedition was a highly successful circumnavigation. "The United States equivalent to the voyages of James Cook, Jean François Galaup de Lapérouse, Alejandro Malaspina, and Ivan Fedorovich Kruzenshtern for England, France, Spain, and Russia, and the maritime equivalent of Lewis and Clark" (W. Michael Mathes).

Rarity

This is the first example we have ever seen with the US Ex. Ex. Seal.

Detailed Condition:

Heavily soiled