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**A Chart of False Bay Surveyed by Order of Rear Admiral Stopford, Commander in Chief
at the Cape of Good Hope, by P. W. Gawthorpe, Master of His Majesty's Ship Lion, 1812;
to which is added Table Bay, with Cape Town and Its Environs . . . Corrected to 1853**

Stock#: 57339
Map Maker: Norie
Date: 1832 (1853)
Place: london
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 37.5 x 25.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Finely executed sea chart of False Bay and the Cape of Good Hope, South Africa, published in London by Norie.

The chart was prepared by Peter W. Gawthorpe, based upon instructions from Rear Admiral Robert Stopford on June 1, 1812 as follows

Letter from REAR ADMIRAL STOPFORD to J. W. CROKER, Esq.RE.



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Lion IN SIMON's BAY, June 1st 1812.

*SIR,-You will be pleased to inform my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that with a view of ascertaining the exact position of the numerous shoals in False Bay, under the idea of Simon's Bay becoming the principal rendezvous upon this station, **I have directed Mr. Peter W. Gawthorpe, the Master of the Lion, who has passed his examination as a surveyor at the Hydrographer's Office at the Admiralty, to embark on board the Atlanta Transport for the purpose abovementioned, and that he has already made some progress in the Survey.***

The Beacon which was placed last year upon a dangerous shoal in that Bay called the Whittle has been washed away in a late gale of Wind. I have etc.

(Signed) ROBERT STOPFORD, Rear Admiral.

The chart extends from Robben Islands south to the Cape of Good Hope and False Cape, including Rocky Bank. False Bay and the Promontory of the Cape.

In the vicinity of Cape Town, Gawthorpe's chart extends into the interior, noting numerous private land owners, along the various rivers between Table Bay and False Bay. An inset of Simon's Bay appears in the upper right, near the title area, with important buildings identified. Nighttime sailing directions into Table Bay appear in the upper left. There is an illustration of the lighthouse at Green Point. The map is further embellished by four land profiles.

Below is a broader chart of Cape Colony extending from the Cape District in the west to Cape Morgan and the Sandy Point or 'First Point of Natal.' The chart extends inland to show major mountains, roads, and riverways. Some towns are noted, among the De Beer Valley, Somerset, various forts, 'Gaikas Residence,' Zwillingdam, Worcester, Stellenbosch, Caledon, and more.

Rarity

OCLC locates a single example (1837 edition, State Library of Victoria).

The chart is rare on the market. We locate no dealer or auction records, other than an 1860 example of the chart.



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