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(View of the coast near Nangasaki, with the image of a Japanese Bird called Osprey.)
Видъ берега около Нангасаки, съ изображеніемъ Японской Птицы, именуемой
Скопа. | Der Bisago oder Iapanische Fischfalke.

Stock#: 70780
Map Maker: Krusenstern
Date: 1813
Place: St. Petersburg
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 25.5 x 20 inches
Price: \$ 1,100.00



Description:

Magnificent View of Nagasaki Coast and an Osprey From the Original Russian Edition of Krusenstern's Important Atlas

Fine example of this skillfully-engraved view of Nagasaki coastline and an Osprey, based upon drawings taken by Wilhelm Gottlieb Tilesius in 1804-5, which appeared in the atlas to accompany Ivan Federovich von Krusenstern's account of the first Russian circumnavigation.

The view is drawn from the work of German naturalist and illustrator Wilhelm Gottlieb Tilesius (1769-1857), who accompanied Krusenstern on the expedition. Knowing that his expedition would result in new findings, Krusenstern included Tilesius to serve as an illustrator for biological research. Tilesius effectively became the official illustrator and later published many specialized scientific articles regarding the expedition.

The view shows the coastline near Nagasaki. A number of Japanese vessels are arrayed in the water. The focus of the image is on a large bird, which the Russian caption declares to be a "Japanese bird, called Osprey". The bird is not especially close to an Osprey in its appearance and given the course of the Krusenstern expedition from Kamchatka to Japan, we should entertain the possibility that it is actually a Steller's sea eagle, which was first officially described by Peter Simon Pallas years later in 1811.

The Krusenstern expedition arrived in Nagasaki in October of 1804. It was their intention to establish an



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embassy to Japan, and they brought along numerous gifts, as well as Japanese victims of the 1794 Andreanof Island shipwreck, with the hope of opening Japan. The Japanese were not impressed by most of the gifts, with the exception of an English automaton clock in the shape of an Elephant and a Russian kaleidoscope. The gift of fox furs, highly prized in Russia, were apparently particularly poorly received, as the Japanese viewed them as undesirable. The conduct of the Russian ambassador Rezanov was also detrimental to negotiations and they eventually failed to produce the desired results.

This is plate 46 from the atlas.

The atlas of *Reise um die Welt*

This view appeared in the atlas volume that accompanied Krusenstern's account. Dedicated to the Czar, the magnificent atlas is a great rarity. Krusenstern's account of the circumnavigation has been described as:

an example of the extraordinary labour and perseverance of the author, as well as his superior talents as a navigator and astronomer. None of his statements have ever been called into question; while the discoveries and nautical corrections are universally acknowledged to have been of infinite service to navigation (Dawson, Memoirs of Hydrography, Eastbourne, 1885)

The atlas volume is widely-recognized as a tremendous cartographic and printing achievement and its contents are rare on the market. This is the first time we have offered this view.

Detailed Condition: