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(Vanuatu) The Landing at Erramanga one of the New Hebrides

Stock#: 91007
Map Maker: Hodges / Cadell
Date: 1777
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 18.25 x 10 inches
Price: \$ 295.00



Description:

Fine engraving of the encounter between Captain Cook and the indigenous people's of Vanuatu, as depicted by William Hodge.

Cook's landing on Erromango, the fourth largest island in Vanuatu, was described as "the most unpleasant encounter he had experienced with islanders." However, some contemporaneous commenters called into question the accuracy of the depiction. Given that Hodges was unable to accurately paint the scene *in media res* for quite obvious reasons, he copied the dress and manners of the indigenous peoples from his sketches at Tanna. This led to criticism of bias and unreliability in the work.

This engraving comes from the official account of Cook's second voyage, published by Thomas Cadell.

Detailed Condition:

Nice, wide margins and a dark impression.