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(New Guinea) Sir William MacGregor's Route to the Owen Stanley Range

Stock#: 98013
Map Maker: Royal Geographical Society
Date: 1890
Place: London
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 12.4 x 8.5 inches
Price: \$ 125.00



Description:

First Map of the Recently Discovered Owen-Stanley Route Through New Guinea

This 1890 map is a comprehensive representation of Sir William MacGregor's exploration through the rugged terrain of the Owen-Stanley Mountain Range located in southern New Guinea. MacGregor's expedition would prove pivotal in British colonization of southeast New Guinea. An increased understanding of the island gave the British ample opportunity to develop New Guinea to their needs.

The primary focus of the map is the detailed depiction of MacGregor's route through the Owen-Stanley range. The rugged, inhospitable nature of the range made travel quite difficult. Surrounding the primary route, the map also provides an overview of neighboring geographical features, such as lakes, rivers, and other mountain ranges. This addition demonstrates the difficult terrain and path required to navigate the island, something previously not that well mapped or understood.

The vivid coloration of MacGregor's route makes it easy to trace his journey through the mountain range, offering viewers a clear perspective on the challenges he might have faced and the distances he covered. The inset map of southeast New Guinea also helps to show the entire region. Taken together, these two features provide an overarching view of the general scope and scale of MacGregor's expedition in New Guinea.

This map serves as both an informative and illustrative document, capturing the essence and significance of Sir William MacGregor's exploration through the Owen-Stanley mountain range of southern New Guinea. Indeed, this map is an excellent showcase of the twilight years of scientific exploration and discovery in New Guinea.



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Detailed Condition:

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