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The Tortugas, Florida, and Carysfort Reefs and Keys, with additions and corrections to 1846. (composited with Preliminary Chart of Florida Reefs From Key Biscayne to Pickle's Reef . . . 1856

Stock#: 100009
Map Maker: Blunt
Date: 1858 circa
Place: New York
Color: Uncolored
Condition: Good
Size: 86.5 x 26.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Extremely rare separately published sea chart of the area from Key Largo to the Dry Tortugas, originally issued by E. & G.W. Blunt in New York in 1846.

The present example is a composite of the the original 1846 Chart with fragments of a Preliminary Chart of the Florida Reefs, issued by the US Coast Survey, and well as a paste down image of a Totten Beacon (an early aid to navigation to warn mariners of the dangerous reef in the Florida Keys), a list of New Signals on the Florida Reefs, and a note from the Office of the Board of Underwriters endorsing Blunt's chartr as "corrected in conformit with Government Surveys . . . [which] should be familiar to every Ship Master in the Trade.

This chart of the Keys is one of Blunt's rarest charts. We note only [a single recorded example at Harvard University](#).

While the chart first appeared to have been composited for a single owner, it appears that the chart is not completely unique in its conception. An example of this chart is noted in NOAA's *National Ocean Survey Historical Cartobibliography II* (1982), page 19, described a follows:

127. The Tortugas, Florida, and Carysfort Reefs and Keys, with additions and corrections to 1859. [Scale not given, ca. 1:130,000.] E. & G.W. Blunt, New York. Entered ... 1846...

Monochrome map printed on 3 sheets, assembled: 66.7 x 218.4 cm.-Geographic grid at 10 intervals. -Some lights are hand colored, red and yellow.- Includes reef and island views. An inset from: "Preliminary chart of Florida reefs...": Survey of the Coast of the United States; 1J200,000,



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*1856, is mounted over a prior inset on this copy; and a "Sketch of the U.S. Survey signals
on the Florida Reef is also mounted. in an open space near the title. The copy is torn at folds
into 3 pieces.*

Rarity

The 1846 *The Tortugas, Florida, and Carysfort Reefs and Keys* is extremely rare. We note a single example offered for sale by Susanna Fisher in a 1988 catalogue.

OCLC locates 1 example, which includes the pastedown Totten Beacon and list of reefs, but not the Preliminary Chart of the Testimonial (Harvard University).

Detailed Condition:

Three sheets joined, with fragments of 4 maps. Soiled, with some stray pencil marks.