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**(Ireland) St. George's Channel, &c. From the Surveys of Jos: Huddart, Esqr. F.R.S.  
[dedication title:] To Joseph Huddart, Esq. F.R.S. An Elder Brother of the Trinity House,  
&c. &c. This Chart of St. George's Channel and the Coasts of Ireland, &c. The greater  
part of which has been composed from His Excellent Surveys, Is most respectfully  
Dedicated By James Whittle & Rich. Holmes Laurie**

**Stock#:** 102191  
**Map Maker:** Whittle & Huddart & Laurie  
**Date:** 1816  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 44.5 x 47 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



**Description:**

Fantastic large chart of Ireland and St. George's Channel and the west coast of Britain. The cartography is based on surveying by Joseph Huddart, who died in the year the chart was published, and it was produced by Laurie & Whittle in London in 1816.

Huddart produced manuscript surveys of this region from at least the 1770s.

The chart includes many soundings and a few coastal profiles. There are five inset maps:

- The Frith of Clyde
- The Harbour of Liverpool, reduced, by permission, from the Surveys of Lieut. Thos. Evans, RN.
- [Bristol Channel] (Continuation on the same scale.)
- Cork Harbour. (From Whittle and Laurie's Harbours of the English Channel, &c.)
- Dublin Bay.



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**Aitkins Rock**

The chart features a potential location for Aitkins Rock with the note "nearly even with the surface of the water. - Its true Longitude has not yet been determined."

Aitkins Rock is a mysterious and elusive rock said to be located off the northwest coast of Ireland in the Atlantic Ocean. It has been the subject of much apprehension and inquiry, with various accounts placing it between the latitudes of 55° to 55° 18' N and longitudes 9° 38' to 14° W. Despite numerous attempts to locate it, including detailed expeditions by the British Royal Navy in the early 19th century, Aitkins Rock has never been conclusively found. These efforts included careful searches and sweeping the suspected area with long lines of hawsers between ships, yet the rock, if it exists, remains a maritime enigma.

Disappearing rocks or islands have been reported off the west coast of Ireland for centuries. Perhaps the most famous of which was Hy Brasil.

**Detailed Condition:**

Engraving on four sheets of 19th-century wove paper joined as one large sheet. Tear at fold interprofessionally mended on verso. Some offsetting.