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Chart of the Sandwich Islands [on sheet with] Honoruru or Fair Haven [and] Karakakooa Bay [and] Port St. Diego [and] Entrance to San Francisco Bay [and] The Coast of California on an Enlarged Scale

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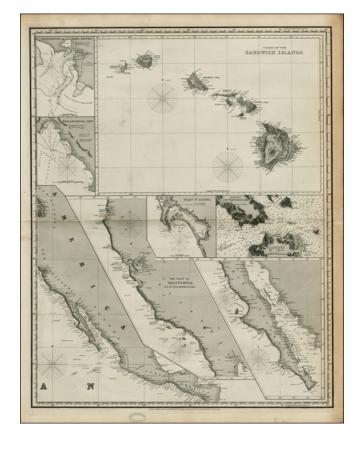
Map Maker: Wilson / Norie

Date: 1860 circa
Place: London
Color: Uncolored

Condition: VG

Size: 31 x 24 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Very rare separately issued sea chart, published by Charles Wilson, successor to J.W. Norie.

A rare privately printed, separately issued sea chart of Hawaii, including an inset of the Harbor of Honolulu and Karakakoa Bay, along with inset maps of San Diego, San Francisco and the Coast of California. The map bears the name of H. Clarkson & Co., of London, one of London's leading shipping companies and was probably used aboard one of its ships in the mid-19th Century. Founded in London in 1852, the company is still one of the largest shipping companies in the world.

The reference to Honoruru or Fair Haven is the oldest known name for Honolulu. The first European vessel to enter Honolulu Harbor was HMS Butterworth in 1794, a British ship commanded by Captain William Brown. Sailors aboard the ship dubbed the harbor Brown's Harbor. Captain Brown insisted that



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the harbor be called Fair Haven. Fair Haven is translated into the Hawaiian language as Honolulu.

While the map is undated, there are several clues as to its date. Union Town appears near Humboldt Bay. The town name was changed to Arcata in 1860. The map identifies the Point Loma Lighthouse, which opened in November 1855. A "proposed lighthouse" is shown at Pt. Fermin on the California Coastline. The lighthouse was proposed in 1854 and construction completed in 1874. The Table Bluff lighthouse near Humboldt Bay (established 1856) is shown.

The chart is undated, but bears the address of the Navigation Warehouse and Naval Academy, from which Norie and Wilson from 1815 to 1880. Norie retired in 1830.

The chart is very rare, with no examples listed in OCLC and no examples

Detailed Condition:

Minor abraiding at left side of fold.