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Laurie and Whittle's New Chart of the Indian and Pacific Oceans Between the Cape of Good Hope, New Holland and Japan, Comprehending New Zealand, New Caledonia, New Britain, New Ireland, New Guinea, &c. . . 1800

Stock#: 32714
Map Maker: Laurie & Whittle
Date: 1800
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 43 x 29 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine sea chart of the Indian Ocean, published in London by Laurie & Whittle in 1800.

This copy includes the following note: "Track of the Ship Avon Isc. Whittemore, Master, from Boston to the Pacific Ocean 1816." Isaac Whittemore sailed the Northwest Coast of America from 1807 to 1818 when he died off the coast of South America. He traded sea otter and other fur pelts in the Cantonese market. His name appears on a number of occasions in the book *Russia's Hawaiian Adventure, 1815-1817*, which identifies him as the Captain of the Avon and places in Hawaii (including contact with King Kamehameha), Sitka and the California Coastline. This book places Whittemore at Hanalei Bay in October 1816. It appears that he also served in the American Revolution.

The map title notes that it includes

the tracks of the English, Spanish, French and Dutch navigators and chiefly the track of the Walpole, Eastindiaman, Captn. Thos. Butler, 1794 from the Cape of Good Hope to Van Diemen's Land and from thence to China, and the track of the Royal Admiral Captn. Henr. Bond in 1792 and 93, from the Cape to Port Jackson and China.

Includes a fantastic early treatment of Australia (referred to as New Holland) and New Zealand, reflecting the discoveries in the last decades of the 18th Century. Insets describe the "Discoveries made by the Royal Admiral," "Observations on Walpole's Track" and the tracks and notes relating to many of the other 18th Century voyages of discovery in the Indian Ocean. The coastline of Australia is still incomplete, with



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annotations along the coast naming and dating the discoveries of various Dutch and English explorers.

The map extends east to New Zealand and north to Korea and Japan.

Shortly after this map was annotated by Whittmore, it seems that he became indirectly involved in a scheme to take Hawaii by a Doctor G.A. Schaffer of the Russian American Company.

Detailed Condition:

2-sheet map, which has been folded. Includes annotations from a contemporary voyage through the Indian Ocean, around Australia and to the area near Hong Kong and Canton.