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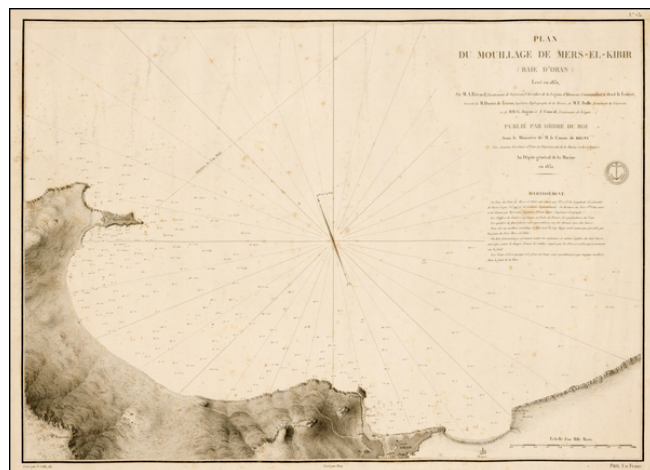
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[Oran, Algeria] Plan du Mouillage de Mers-el-Kebir (Baie d'Oran) Levé en 1831.

Stock#: 34962
Map Maker: Depot de la Marine
Date: 1832
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 16 x 22 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The present sea chart depicts the Bay of Oran on the western part of Algeria's Mediterranean coastline, including the citadel of Mers-el-Kebir and the city of Oran, Algeria's second largest urban area. In 1830, France placed its colonial claim upon Algeria and government officials immediately realized that obtaining advanced geographic and hydrographic intelligence on the country was an imperative.

In 1831, Lieutenant Auguste Bérard, the master of the brig *La Lorient* and the hydrographer Louis Urbain Dortet de Tessan were given the vital task of charting the Bay of Oran, the second most important harbor in Algeria, after Algiers. The chart is based on exacting trigonometric surveys and shows coastal topography in delicate relief, as well as numerous bathymetric soundings. It remained the authoritative chart of these waters for several decades.

This chart is scarce, we are not aware of an example appearing on the market in the last 25 years.

Detailed Condition:

Some light foxing throughout, but otherwise very fine.