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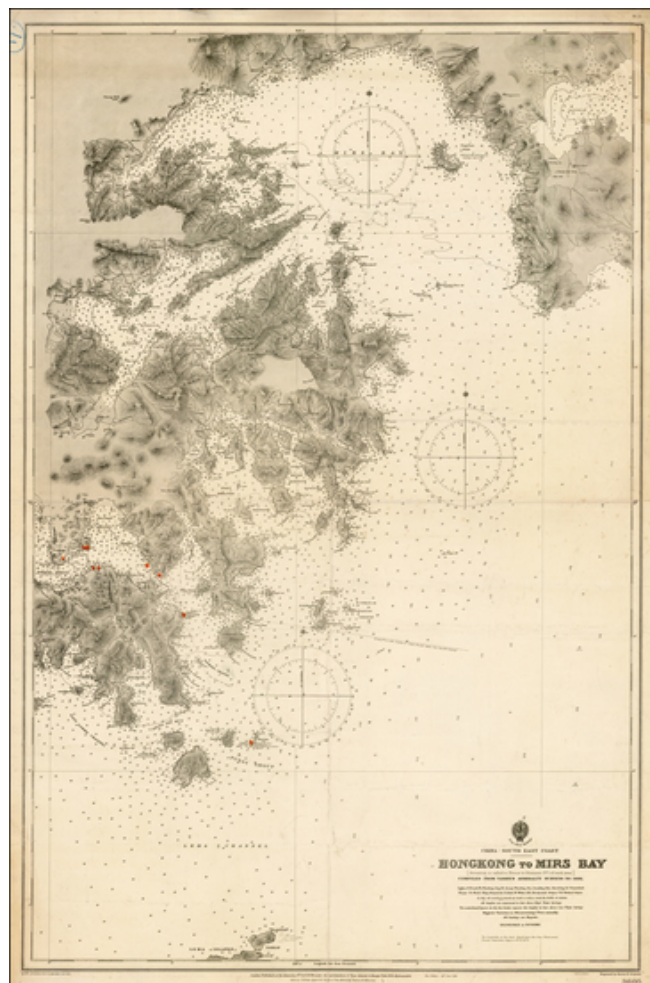
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Stock#: 36109
Map Maker: British Admiralty
Date: 1915
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 25 x 39 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A detailed, large-scale sea chart of the eastern approaches to Hong Kong Harbour issued by the British Admiralty, including most of Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and the western part of the New Territories.

Printed during World War I, the present chart was the authoritative pilot for ships approaching Hong Kong Harbour from the eastward. In 1915, Hong Kong was a rapidly growing city of over 500,000 inhabitants and was already the leading freeport of Asia and the most important base of the Royal Navy in the western Pacific.

The map embraces the eastern three-quarters of Hong Kong Island from Central and Aberdeen eastwards



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and includes all of Kowloon. The seas include innumerable bathymetric soundings and the markings of navigational hazards, while lighthouses and beacons are heightened in red. To the northeast is Mirs Bay (Tai Pang Wan), a large deepwater harbour. In 1898, the bay was famously the Asian marshalling point for American Admiral George Dewey's successful invasion of Manila, Philippines during the Spanish-American War.

The present chart is very rare, and this is the first example we have encountered in 20 years in the business. As such charts were heavily used by both naval and merchant mariners, their survival rate is very low, and this example is in exceptionally fine condition.

Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling