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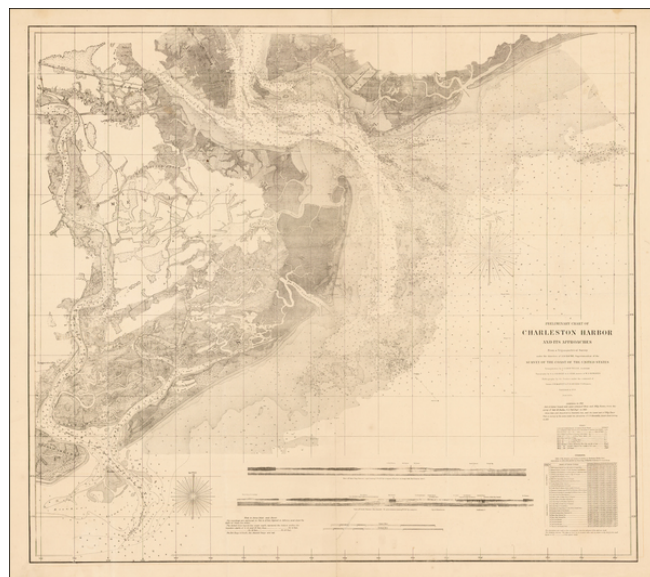
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Preliminary Chart of Charleston Harbor And Its Approaches From a Trigonometric Survey . . . Triangulation by C.O. Boutelle . . . Topography by S.A. Gilbert & J. Seib . . . Hydrography by the Parties under command of Lieuts J.N.Maffitt & T.B. Huger . . . 1858 . . . Additions in 1862.

Stock#: 36606mb
Map Maker: United States Coast Survey

Date: 1862
Place: Washington
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 32.5 x 37.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare separately issued example of this important chart of Charleston Harbor, first issued in 1858 and revised and updated in 1862 for use during the Civil War.

The present map is an exceptional example of the United States Coast Survey's adaptation of an earlier printed sea chart for use by during the Civil War. Tasked with creating maps to aid the Union Army and Navy at the outset of the war, the USCS modified and updated many of its most important maps, as well as compiling information to create new maps. The only other recorded example of this map is in the Library of Congress is a heavily damaged copy that and bears the inscription: "*Transferred from Office of Chf. Engr., Defenses of Washington, to Engr. Dept., Jany. 1866.*".

The Chart shows the entrance to the harbor from offshore and locates Folly Island, Light House Inlet, Sullivan's Island, James Island, Hog Island, with Charleston depicted between the Ashley & Cooper Rivers. The revised edition shows fortifications.

The Chart depicts a street block plan of Charleston with wharves and commercial buildings. At base of chart are two long horizontal landfall approach view of 1.) View of the Main Ship Channel and 2.) View of North Channel with Fort Sumter. The chart includes very detailed sailing directions for mariners entering



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the harbor, plus notes on buoys and beacons, tides, currents and soundings.

The earlier edition of the map was considerably smaller and lacked much of the internal details added to this newly revised and updated chart. The original 1858 chart can be seen here: `{ { inventory_detail_link('15753') } }`. The Library of Congress also has a very different version, dated 1858, which is similar in detail to the present chart, but has been extensively annotated by General S.W. Crawford, a Union officer at Fort Sumter, dated July 10, 1869, which appears to be a combination of manuscript and printed work. www.loc.gov/item/2003623102

During the Civil War, the trained engineers and hydrographers of the United States Coast Survey played an important role in the production of field maps. While established for hydrographical mapping, at the outset of the War, it became quickly apparent that infrastructure at the Coast Survey office was best suited to the rapid compilation and assimilation of best cartographic sources to produce maps and sea charts in aid of the Union Army and Navy. During this time period, the Coast Survey mapmakers were also responsible for a number of printing innovations that allowed for faster and more accurate printing methods, both at home and in the field. A number of important mapmakers and other historically influential Americans engaged in the production of maps for the Coast Survey from 1861 to 1865.

Detailed Condition:

Expert repairs to marginal tear at lower centerfold, extending into printed image.