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## China Sheet I Eastern Coast From Mong Chow to Hong Kong Survey by Captn. Sir. E. Belcher, Commr. Bate, Lieut Gordon and Captn. D. Ross. (with Spanish manuscript annotations locating the first western lighthouse in China and East Asia)

**Stock#:** 43109
**Map Maker:** British Admiralty

**Date:** 1853
**Place:** London
**Color:** Uncolored
**Condition:** VG
**Size:** 27 x 20 inches

**Price:** SOLD

**Description:**

Rare early sea chart of China, extending from Hong Kong and Macao to Mongchow and Hawcheun, published by the British Admiralty in September 1853, with a contemporary annotation identifying the earliest western style lighthouse constructed in East Asia or China!

Victoria is named on Hong Kong and the earliest building are shown on the northern coastline of the island.

Detailed chart, with extensive soundings and other sailing information. An area on Macao island notes "Pass for small junks."

The present example includes the following manuscript annotation in Spanish, near Macao, most likely an eye witness account of a lighted fortress on the hill overlooking Macao:

*Macao una luz giratorio en el castillo mas alto prosima a la ciudad*

At the actual location of the lighthouse, a classic yellow and red spot has been added, with a second annotation state "luz giratorio."

The lighted fortress is almost certainly intended as the addition of Guia Fortress, a 17th century colonial military fort, chapel and lighthouse complex overlooking Macao. The fort and chapel were constructed between 1622 and 1638 by the Portugese. The lighthouse was added in 1864 and 1865, ***the first western***

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***style lighthouse in east Asia or on the Chinese Coast!***

It would seem with reasonable certainty that the user of the chart has augmented the chart to locate the Guia Fortress and lighthouse, which had not yet been built as of the date of the printing of this chart.

**Detailed Condition:**
Includes manuscript annotation in Spanish, near Macao. Usual minor soiling. One abrasion at the neatline to the left of the title and several very small wormholes. Silked along edges and blue backed, as issued.