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**Port De San Francisco Leve en 1827 et 1828 Par Le Capitaine F.W. Beeche de la Marine
Royale Anglaise -- Depot General de la Marine 1855 (with inset maps of Bodega Bay,
the Entrance to SF Bay, Monterey and profile views)**

Stock#: 44943
Map Maker: Depot de la Marine / Beechey
Date: 1855
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 24.5 x 17.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare French edition of F.W. Beechey's map of San Francisco Bay.

French edition of Beechey's very rare and important chart of San Francisco Bay, the result of the first scientific mapping of the Bay. Neil Harlow states that the chart had a wide influence upon later maps of the area. The chart, with copies and adaptations of it, served to the end of the Mexican period and formed the substantial basis of the earliest ones produced under the American regime. It was deficient only in the region beyond Carquinez Strait..." Harlow notes the chart of the entrance contains "additional hydrographic data pertinent to entering the port and reaching the chief places of anchorage. Accompanying the chart are elevation views depicting the approaches to the bay and the hazards to



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navigation."

Includes a chart of San Francisco Bay, plus smaller charts of the entrance to San Francisco Bay, Bodega Bay, and Monterey Bay. The series of coastal views and profiles includes the Golden Gate, and also Blossom Rock.

Warren Heckrotte notes that "Beechey's chart was first issued in 1833; there was a second issue with additions in 1851, which I have not seen. To what extent the additions on this chart reflect Beechey's chart I do not know, except for the extension of the coast which the plate for Beechey's chart would not accommodate."

The original Beechey chart is virtually obtainable, with the only example trading in modern times being the Warren Heckrotte copy in 2015.

Provenance: Warren Heckrotte.

Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling and foxing.