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Chart of the North West Passage Between Asia & America

Stock#: 47437
Map Maker: Philip & Son
Date: 1855 circa
Place: Liverpool
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 24 x 20 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare map showing the Northwest Passage, via the Bering Straits, with a fantastic early depiction of Alaska (then Russian America) and contiguous parts of Canada.

The detail in the interior is also of interest, especially the identification of Canadian Indian Tribes on either side of the MacKenzie River. The course of the Youcon (Yukon) River and Colville River are shown in the interior of Alaska, although relatively little else was known at the time. While the coastline of Alaska is quite well depicted, there are still a fair number of areas marked with dotted lines or otherwise inaccurately mapped.

The present edition is apparently the first edition, including the tracks of Cook's Voyage in the region and referring to California as Upper or New California.

Detailed Condition:

Minor discoloration at centerfold.