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To His Most Excellent Majesty William IVth King of Great Britain Ireland &c. this Chart of the Discoveries Made in the Arctic Regions in 1829, 30, 31, 32 & 33 is Dedicated with his Majesty's gracious permission. . .

Stock#: 64402 **Map Maker:** Ross

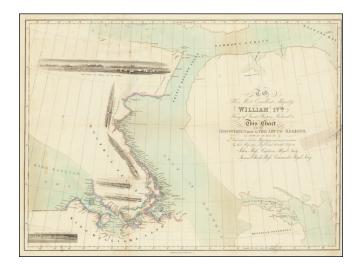
Date: 1834 Place: London

Color: Hand Colored

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Size: 24 x 18 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Detailed chart of Barrow's Strait, Prince Regent Inlet, King William Sea, the Gulf of Boothia, Strait of the Fury and Hecla, Mellville Peninsula and part of Baffin's Bay, showing the regions explored by John Ross during his second voyage in search of the Northwest Passage.

The map includes 6 vignettes showing coastal profiles of places visited by Ross on the expedition.

John Ross was in charge of the expedition and his nephew, James Clark Ross accompanied him on this voyage as second in command. Due to controversies surrounding his previous Arctic voyage in 1818, Ross was unable to secure financing from England for a second voyage. He instead was backed by the London gin magnate, Felix Booth, after whom the Boothia Peninsula is named.

The map shows the track of the expedition and Somerset House, where they spent one of the four difficult Arctic winters before they were rescued by whalers in ships acquired from the wreck of the Fury, from Parry's expedition. Given up for lost, when Ross told the whalers that he was Captain Ross of the ship Victory, they grimly told him that could not be, as Captain Ross had died in the Northwest Passage two years before. Ross' record of staying in the Arctic for four winters would not be broken for 70 years. Upon returning to England, the captain was greeted as a hero.



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