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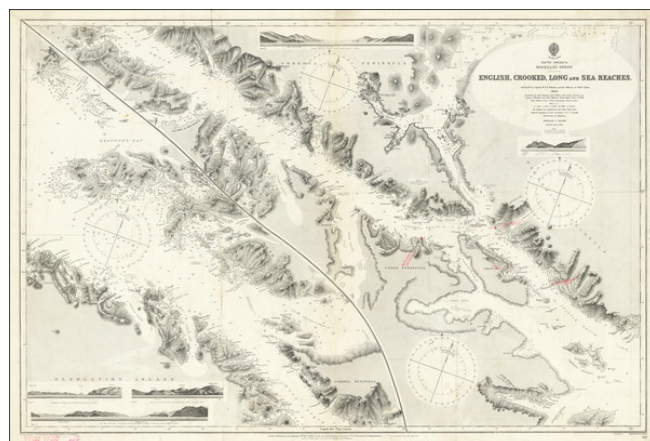
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## Magellan Strait English, Crooked, Long and Sea Reaches. Surveyed by Captain W.J.L. Wharton and the Officers of H.M.S. Sylvia

**Stock#:** 67547  
**Map Maker:** British Admiralty  
**Date:** 1883 (updates to 1915)  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 38.5 x 25.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Detailed British Admiralty chart of the western section of the Strait of Magellan passage shown in two sections, with the easternmost section at the right and the westernmost in the lower-left.

The base map was laid down by Captain W.J.L. Wharton and officers of *H.M.S. Sylvia* in 1883. The *Sylvia* was in South America for survey work and for observing the transit of Venus in December of 1882. This was the second transit of Venus witnessed by Wharton. In 1884, the year after this map was published, Wharton was made Hydrographer of the Navy, a position he held for another 20 years. In 1895 he was made rear-admiral.

The chart went through major revisions in October of 1897, in 1905 with Chilean government information, and in May of 1906. In this example the map has been revised up to 1915 with manuscript annotations.

This is an infamously perilous passage and hazards such as rip currents and kelp forests are noted.

### Detailed Condition:

Very minor soiling.