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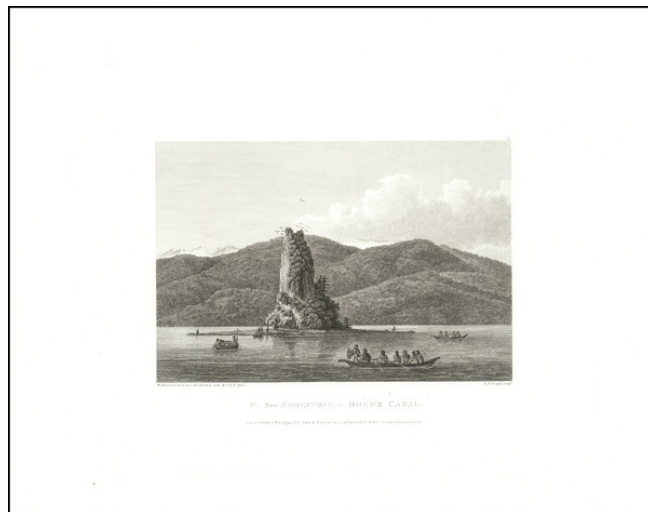
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The New Eddystone, in Bhém's Canal

Stock#: 88097
Map Maker: Vancouver
Date: 1798
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 9.125 x 6.125 inches (not including title)
Price: \$ 375.00



Description:

A view of New Eddystone Rock in Observatory Inlet, near Behm's Canal in Alaska.

The view includes both First Nation canoes and English row boats in the foreground, with New Eddystone Rock in the center of the image and the Alaskan Mountains beyond.

Captain George Vancouver of the British Navy was the first European to observe New Eddystone Rock. In July of 1793, Vancouver arrived at the locale presently known as Observatory Inlet in British Columbia. Here, he anchored his fleet before leading a pair of boats on a coastal survey to the north. He personally steered the yawl from *HMS Discovery*, while Lieutenant Peter Puget was at the helm of the *Discovery's* launch.

Venturing northward via the Behm Canal, Vancouver and his team came upon New Eddystone Rock on the morning of Friday, August 9, 1793, where they paused their journey. Vancouver recounts in his dispatch to King George III that during their brief respite for breakfast, they were visited by a friendly group of the indigenous people, around a dozen in number, who arrived in three small canoes. The natives, who were unarmed, landed and greeted the explorers with amicable gestures, graciously accepting the gifts presented to them. Despite not having goods for trade, they warmly invited the explorers to their settlements.

The Eddystone lighthouse, as it was in the era of Vancouver, stood as a beacon similar in its maritime prominence. Although Vancouver declined the invitation from the natives, opting to press on northward, he bestowed upon the island the name of that famed English lighthouse, Eddystone, noting its striking



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emergence from the sea like the lighthouse that rises from the waters off Plymouth, England.

The view appeared in the *Atlas* to accompany the official account of Vancouver's expedition, *A Voyage of Discovery to the North Pacific Ocean and Round the World, 1791-1795*. Published in 1798 to wide public acclaim, Vancouver's narrative greatly increased the European public's knowledge about the Pacific Coast.

Detailed Condition: