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A General Chart of the Island of Newfoundland with the Rocks & Soundings. Drawn from Surveys taken by Order of the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. By James Cook and Michael Lane Surveyors . . . 1775

Stock#: 90814
Map Maker: Jefferys
Date: 1775
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 21.5 inches
Price: \$ 875.00



Description:

Nice example of this important early chart of Newfoundland, based upon the survey work of James Cook, among others.

Attractive large-format map of the entire coast of Newfoundland, a striking testament to Cook's incredible skill as a cartographer. It was the Newfoundland survey that established James Cook's reputation as the pre-eminent naval hydrographer and ultimately led to his being appointed to the command of the *Endeavour*.

After serving his apprenticeship aboard Whitby colliers, Cook entered the Royal Navy in 1758, resulting in his charting the St. Lawrence River at Quebec. The need for a Newfoundland survey arose at the conclusion of the Seven Year's War when the British asserted their fishing rights in the region. Great Britain had returned St. Pierre and Miquelon to France and allowed limited concessions for catching and curing cod from these rich waters, but to enforce the terms of the Paris Treaty of 1763 new and accurate charts were needed. Cook was selected as master of the *Grenville* in 1764, and the Newfoundland surveys occupied the next three years. His work in the region established for him a well-deserved reputation with the higher authorities. Michael Lane started working on the *Grenville* in the winter of 1766-67 and completed the survey over seven summers after Cook left to commandeer the *Endeavour* in 1768.



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Detailed Condition:

Original color in outline. Very faint offsetting. Minor faint foxing. Some wear at top and bottom extremities of centerfold. Bottom margin replaced, affecting a small amount of the neatline.