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[Kilauea Volcano] The Crater on the Summit of Mount Worrora, Owhyhee

Stock#: 91698
Map Maker: Vancouver
Date: 1798
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 9 x 6.25 inches (not including title)
Price: \$ 675.00



Description:

One of the Earliest Engraved Images of Hawaii -- Kilauea Volcano

Finely engraved image of William Alexander's watercolor view of Mt. Kilauea, prepared to illustrate the Official Accounting George Vancouver's voyages between 1796 and 1798.

This is one of the earliest images of Hawaii. The first known artists were British-explorer artists William Ellis and John Webber on the James Cook Expedition in 1778 and John Sykes on the George Vancouver Expedition in the 1780s.

George Sykes was a member of the Vancouver expedition. Sykes was tasked with documenting the natural features of the islands, including the active volcano of Mt. Kilauea. Sykes's drawing of Mt. Kilauea is a detailed and accurate depiction of the volcano as it appeared at the time of his visit. The drawing shows the steep slopes of the volcano, with the conical peak rising high above the surrounding landscape. The lower slopes of the volcano are covered in lush vegetation, while the upper slopes are barren and rocky.

In the foreground of the drawing, Sykes has included a small group of native Hawaiians. This serves to give a sense of scale and context to the drawing.

Detailed Condition: