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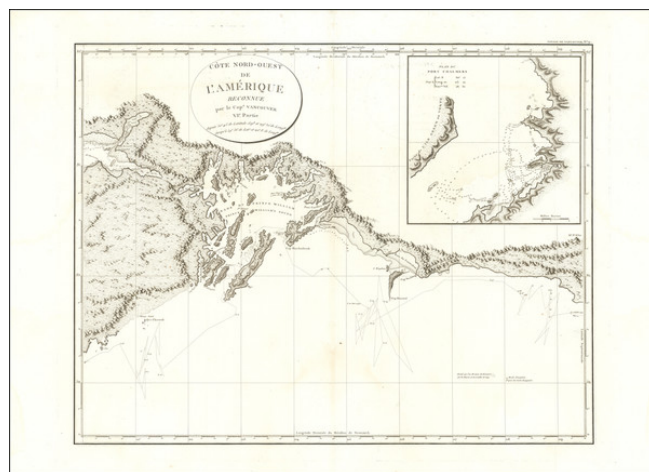
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**[Anchorage, Valdez and Prince William Sound] Cote Nord-Ouest De L'Amerique
Reconnue par le Cape. Vancouver VIe. Partie . . .**

Stock#: 92676
Map Maker: Vancouver
Date: 1799
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 28 x 21.5 inches
Price: \$ 875.00



Description:

This French edition of George Vancouver's *Cote Nord-Ouest De L'Amerique Reconnue par le Cape. Vancouver VIe. Partie...* is a fine specimen of 18th-century maritime cartography. Documenting Alaska from Anchorage to Mt. St. Elias, it encapsulates a pivotal period in the history of exploration.

The chart provides a detailed portrayal of a section of the Alaskan coast, stretching from Mt. St. Elias to the eastern side of Kenai Peninsula, even encompassing the small Chiswell Islands in Blying Sound. Prince William Sound, its numerous fjords, and islands such as Montague, are depicted with precision. An inset of "Plan du Port Chalmers" adds another dimension to the cartographic detail.

Historically, the map originates from George Vancouver's expeditions from 1792-94, where Vancouver and his crew, aboard the British ships *Discovery* and *Chatham*, charted the northwest coast of North America from Baja California to Alaska. This regional map is an integral part of the French edition of Vancouver's voyages, signaling the culmination of the great Pacific voyages of the late 18th century.

Cote Nord-Ouest De L'Amerique Reconnue par le Cape. Vancouver VIe. Partie... bears witness to Vancouver's accomplishments as an explorer. His surveys, renowned for their precision, conclusively disproved the existence of a Northwest Passage, delivering a comprehensive outline of the Pacific instead. This chart, thus, stands as a tribute to the spirit of exploration and the relentless quest for knowledge.



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Detailed Condition:

Some minor toning.