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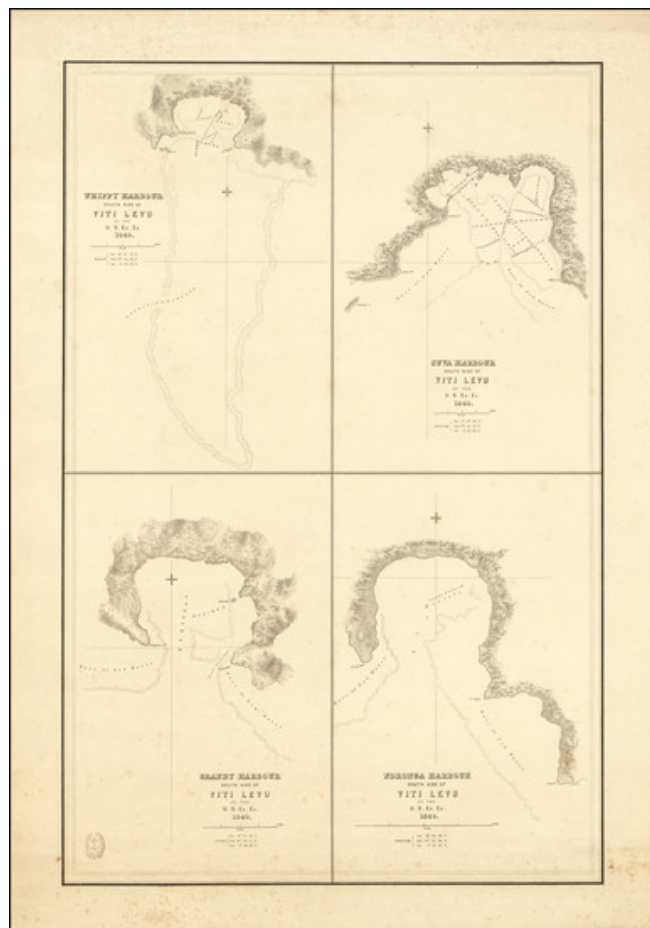
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[Fiji] Whippy Harbour [with:] Suva Harbour [,] Granby [and:] Ndronga Harbour

Stock#: 92905
Map Maker: Wilkes / Sherman & Smith
Date: 1850 - 1858
Place: New York
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 15.25 x 23.5 inches
Price: \$ 375.00



Description:

This rare thick-paper chart features four maps showcasing harbors on the south side of Viti Levu, the largest island in the Fiji group, created by the United States Exploring Expedition (US Ex Ex) in 1840. Each map offers valuable details about the harbors and their surrounding areas: Whippy Harbour in the upper left, Suva Harbour in the upper right, Granby Harbour in the bottom left, and Ndronga Harbour in the bottom right. The precise reasons for the US Ex Ex's interest in these specific harbors are not provided, but the detailed mapping of these locations indicates their significance during the expedition.

The United States Exploring Expedition, also known as the Wilkes Expedition, was a major scientific and exploration endeavor conducted between 1838 and 1842. The expedition aimed to explore the Pacific Ocean and its surrounding lands, mapping uncharted regions and gathering scientific data. The expedition's findings significantly contributed to the understanding of Pacific geography, natural history,



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and cultural anthropology at the time. The maps on this chart are a testament to the meticulous work carried out by the US Ex Ex during their exploration of the Fiji group.

After publication of the initial report and a small group of maps, a number of subsequent reports, maps, and plates were issued over the next several decades. This map was included in one of the two volumes issued in 1850 and 1858:

United States Exploring Expedition. During the Years 1838,1839,1840,1841,1842. Under the Command of Charles Wilkes, U.S.N. Atlas of Charts. VOL. I. and VOL. II From the Surveys of the Expedition. By Authority of Congress. Philadelphia C. [onger] Sherman, printer. 1850.

Volume 1 was issued in 1850 as a bound volume of 55 unnumbered charts.

Volume II was issued in 1858 as a bound volume of 51 numbered charts.

In this case, the charts were sold separately, highlighting the individual significance and interest of each map.

Detailed Condition:

Thick paper. Minor foxing.