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New Zealand

Stock#: 94535
Map Maker: Tallis
Date: 1851
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 10.25 x 14 inches
Price: \$ 675.00



Description:

An aesthetically alluring representation of New Zealand's geography, this 1851 map—*New Zealand*—is the work of John Tallis, a renowned figure in the history of decorative map-making. Published in London, this full-color example is remarkable for its elaborate engraving style, detailing the country's North and South Islands, towns, and various geographical features.

A characteristic feature of Tallis's creations, the map is enhanced with decorative vignettes. These vignettes include meticulously crafted scenes of Auckland and Wellington, a picturesque portrayal of Mount Egmont (known today as Mount Taranaki) as viewed from New Plymouth, a representation of a Maori warrior, and an illustration of a seal. Each illustration not only provides a visually pleasing detail but also offers insight into the unique aspects of New Zealand's environment and culture.

The map was specifically engraved for R. Montgomery Martin's *Illustrated Atlas*, a testament to Tallis's



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contributions to this important cartographic collection. As one of the last practitioners of elaborate decorative map-making, Tallis's works are cherished for their vibrant vignettes, capturing indigenous scenes, local peoples, and distinctive items. This 1851 map of New Zealand embodies his signature style, presenting an engaging fusion of geographical detail and artistic expression.

Detailed Condition:

Minor toning.