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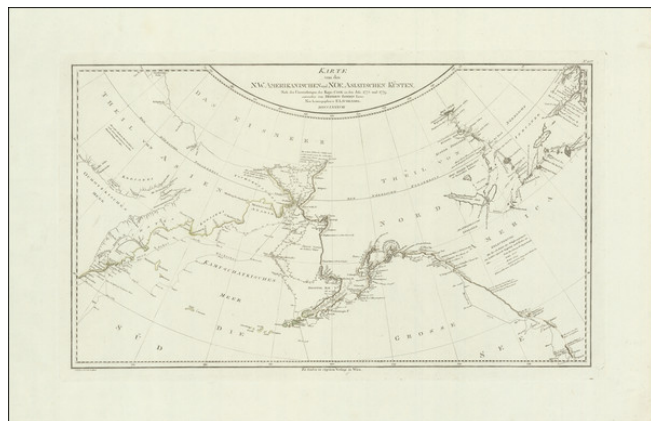
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Karte von den N.W. Amerikanischen und N.Oe. Asiatischen Kusten, nach den Untersuchungen des Kapit: Cook in...1778 und 1779 entworfen von Heinrich Roberts Lieut: . . . MDCCLXXVIII

Stock#: 95060
Map Maker: Schraembl
Date: 1788
Place: Vienna
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 26.5 x 15.5 inches
Price: \$ 395.00



Description:

The *Karte von den N.W. Amerikanischen und N.Oe. Asiatischen Kusten*—a 1788 German edition of Captain James Cook's chart of the north Pacific and Alaska—proffers a detailed representation of the northwest American and northeast Asian coasts. Conceived by Lieutenant Henry Roberts and published by Franz Anton Schraembl in Vienna, the map crystallizes the expeditions led by Cook in 1778 and 1779, offering a view of the era's geographical knowledge and maritime exploration.

Cook's chart delineates the Bering Straits with an impressive level of detail, enhanced by exhaustive annotations on soundings—a testament to the thoroughness of Cook's scientific approach to hydrographic surveying. The map tracks Cook's voyages, showcasing specific dates and locales, thus presenting a chronological narrative of his exploration. In addition to Cook's travels, it also incorporates routes of other explorers, such as Bodega in Canada and Mackenzie in the Arctic Circle, thereby offering a comparative perspective of these pioneering voyages.

The *Karte von den N.W. Amerikanischen und N.Oe. Asiatischen Kusten* does not limit its scope to maritime explorations. It also includes information gathered by Samuel Hearne and others who probed the elusive Northwest Passage and the western extremities of Hudson Bay, by both land and sea. This incorporation of overland expeditions into the map exemplifies the convergence of different exploratory approaches in cartography during this period.

In sum, this map forms an invaluable record of late 18th-century explorations, reflecting the enduring curiosity and zeal for discovery that characterized this epoch. The *Karte von den N.W. Amerikanischen und N.Oe. Asiatischen Kusten* therefore serves as a remarkable visual testament to the intrepid spirit of



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the era's most distinguished explorers.

Detailed Condition:

Wide margins. Scant original hand-color in outline.