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[Western Scotland] The Sound of Mull, with the Adjacent Main; surveyed & navigated by M. Mackenzie Senr.

Stock#: 97821
Map Maker: MacKenzie / Kitchin
Date: 1775
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 44 x 27.5 inches
Price: \$ 245.00



Description:

Murdoch MacKenzie's sea chart stands as a significant accomplishment in the arena of Scottish maritime cartography.

Produced in the late 18th century, this navigational aid demonstrates both MacKenzie's skill as a hydrographer and the increasing precision of cartographic practices during that period. This chart offers a meticulous depiction of the Sound of Mull, a body of water situated between mainland Scotland and the Isle of Mull, crucial for seafaring navigation.

In the middle of the 18th Century, Murdoch MacKenzie, a Scottish hydrographer, embarked on an ambitious project to map the coastline and maritime features of Scotland. Prior to MacKenzie, sea charts often suffered from inaccuracies, making navigation perilous. His work set new standards for reliability, incorporating accurate depth soundings, tidal information, and the precise delineation of coastlines and underwater hazards.

"The Sound of Mull, with the Adjacent Main" serves as an exemplary illustration of MacKenzie's commitment to accuracy and detail. The chart provided valuable information on water depths, currents, and the locations of hidden rocks, making it an indispensable tool for navigators. It delineated not just the waters of the Sound of Mull, but also the adjacent mainland coasts, capturing the intricacies of a maritime environment frequented by commercial and naval vessels. Its utility extended beyond mere navigation, as it also served as a scientific record of the geographical and hydrological features of the region.

Detailed Condition: