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Die Entdeckungen der Englischen Expedition "Alert" & "Discovery" unter Sir George Nares, 1875/6

Stock#: 98474
Map Maker: Petermann
Date: 1877
Place: Gotha, Germany
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 9.5 x 12.25 inches
Price: \$ 145.00



Description:

The map presents the geographical discoveries made by the British Arctic Expedition led by Sir George Nares aboard HMS *Alert* and *Discovery* from 1875 to 1876. Issued by Augustus Petermann, the map delineates with remarkable precision the contours and inlets of uncharted Arctic territories, capturing the furthest northern navigations of its time.

In the late 19th century, the British Empire sought to expand its knowledge and territorial claims in the Arctic region. Sir George Nares, an esteemed naval officer and explorer, was entrusted with leading this daring expedition. Their voyage, meticulously charted on this map, was a considerable undertaking during the age of exploration. It not only sought new passages but also aimed to reach the North Pole, a feat not achieved at that time.

The map is a testament to the intrepid spirit of the era, illustrating the British expedition's routes through



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perilous ice and harsh climates. It reflects the intricate network of the newly discovered coastlines and named landmarks such as "Grant Land" and "Smith Sound," honoring patrons and figures relevant to the mission and the Royal Navy. The place names bear witness to the trials, tribulations, and triumphs of this bold voyage.

Sir George Nares's role as an Arctic explorer is chronicled through the exacting details of this map. His leadership in negotiating the treacherous Arctic waters and his decision to prioritize the safety of his crew over the pursuit of glory demonstrate his prudent and skillful command. This map not only delineates geographic features but also marks a significant chapter in the history of Arctic exploration.

Detailed Condition: