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Carte Du Detroit De Magellan . . . par les Capitains Phillip Parker King et Robert Fitz Roy . . . 1838

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Description:

Exploring and Charting Magellan's Straits -- With Charles Darwin

Scarce French Sea chart of the Straits of Magellan, based upon the voyages and explorations of Phillip Parker King and Robert Fitz Roy.

Shows the Straits of Magellan and neighboring sounds, canals, etc. in remarkable detail, including place names, soundings and sailing directions.

The exploratory and surveying endeavors conducted by Phillip Parker King and Robert Fitz Roy in the Straits of Magellan and its surrounding regions between 1826 and 1834 represent a significant epoch in the annals of nautical exploration and scientific discovery. These expeditions, central to the advancement of hydrographic knowledge and natural sciences in the region, played a crucial role in elucidating the complex geography of southern South America.

Phillip Parker King, a distinguished figure in British naval history, was renowned for his prior comprehensive surveys of the Australian coastline. Between 1826 and 1830, King embarked on an ambitious project to chart the southern extremities of South America. His focus on the Straits of Magellan, a labyrinthine passage first navigated by Ferdinand Magellan in the early 16th century, aimed to demystify the notoriously perilous waters of this region. King's meticulous cartography significantly augmented the safety and navigability of these routes, providing invaluable aid to subsequent mariners.

Concurrently, Captain Robert Fitz Roy, commanding the *HMS Beagle*, undertook a series of surveying missions in this region, particularly between 1831 and 1834. Fitz Roy, later esteemed for his collaboration



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with Charles Darwin, materially advanced the mapping of the Straits of Magellan and adjacent coastlines. Beyond hydrography, Fitz Roy's contributions to meteorology, including early weather prediction methods, were pioneering for the era.

The intersection of these expeditions in the Straits of Magellan not only marked a leap in hydrographic proficiency but also significantly influenced the scientific realm. The naturalistic observations and specimens collected by Charles Darwin during these voyages laid the groundwork for his evolutionary theories, which radically transformed contemporary understandings of biology.

Detailed Condition: