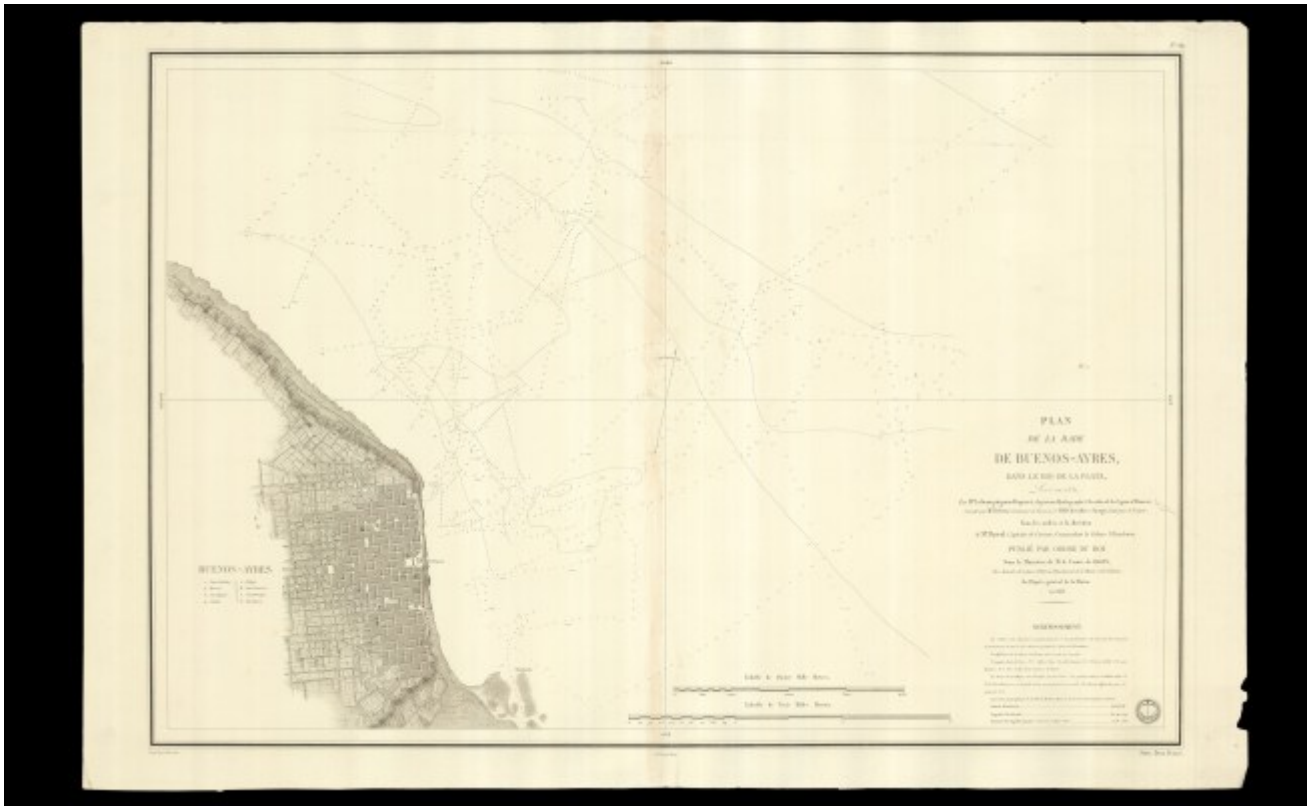


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Interestingly Jacques Arago is listed as a Lieutenant of the ‘Emulant’. Arago had been a member of Louis Freycinet’s crew aboard the ‘Uranie’ for the 1817-1820 voyage. He died in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1855, having been blind since 1837.

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