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## RIO NEGRO PROVINCE, ARGENTINA

### Draught of the Bay of St Fondi in South America & all of Mid Channel.

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#### Physical description

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#### Dimensions

440 by 535mm (17.25 by 21 inches).

#### Notes

A very basic sketch of the strategic Bay of St. Fondi, by whaler William Grant, of whom nothing else is known.

With a long and informative note on how to navigate the treacherous waters around the entrance of

the natural harbour:

“Remarks on this Draught:

As this sketch of the Bay St. Fondi was taken merely from amusement, and not with a design that it (if it should fall into other hands) should be trusted to altogether, it is necessary to point out some errors, and likewise make some remarks on the Bay whose dangerous entrance has prevented the Greatest part of our South Sea Whalers & Sealers from going into it on account of the variety of soundings in standing in for the Land,.... for if the Current Sets to the Norward it will take you over to the North Caper near River Negro, which Coast as I am well informed is very dangerous and what makes it still more so, it has not been explored by our English navigators the Spaniards have a Small Settlement at the mouth of the River and Carry in a Trade to Monte Video in Small Coasting Smacks...”

## **Bibliography**

## **Provenance**

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