



Engraved chart with contemporary hand-colour in full.

SOME FAMOUS CARTOGRAPHIC MISCONCEPTIONS

Magnum Mare del Zur cum insula California

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Physical description

Engraved chart with contemporary hand-colour in full.

Dimensions

540 by 630mm. (21.25 by 24.75 inches).

Notes

Second state of this magnificent sea chart of the Pacific, first published in the 'Orbis Maritimus ofte Zee Atlas' in 1675. Here with "I. de S. Andries" off the coast of California.

Although much of this chart is "empty", it is filled with some of the most famous cartographic misconceptions. California is an island; the northern coastline of Australia is shown, with Tasmania a long way away from any known coastline; the partial coastline of New Zealand is marked; and to the

north of Japan are both “Ezo” and “Compagnies lant”. A highly decorative title cartouche fills the bottom right corner, depicting Neptune in a chariot and a medallion portrait of Magellan.

Bibliography

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Provenance

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