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## **WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

### **Indian Ocean. South Eastern Sheet.**

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#### **Dimensions**

905 by 880mm (35.75 by 34.75 inches).

#### **Notes**

Rare U.S. Naval chart of south east portion of the India Ocean, from the Kerguelen Islands to western Australia.

The chart marks soundings, hazards of the sea, and magnetic variation, with principal ports and rivers marked.

The U.S. Navy Hydrographic Office was set up in 1866, with the express intention of moving away from the navy's reliance on British Admiralty charts. The first bodies of water surveyed by the new department were the Caribbean, and the Pacific. Unlike the British Admiralty charts, U.S. charts were not licensed for sale to the general public making them considerably rarer.

## **Bibliography**

## **Provenance**

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