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AUSTRALIA DIVIDED BY AN INLAND SEA?

Generalcharte von Australien nach dem Entwurfe des H. Joseph Marx Freiherrn v. Liechtenstern gezeichnet von Franz Swoboda u. Martin Hartl.

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Physical description

Double-page engraved chart, with contemporary hand-colour in outline.

Dimensions

698 by 672mm (27.5 by 26.5 inches).

Notes

A detailed chart of the islands of the Pacific Ocean. Australia appears as "Neu Holland vormalis Ulimaroa" in the west, and in the east as "Neu Süd Wales oder die englische Stadthalterschaft Sydney Cove". Tasmania is separated from mainland Australia by Bass Strait, and "Kängurus I" (Kangaroo Island) and "Geographen Bay" (Geographe Bay) appear.

As Brown notes, "this map reflects the widely held view that the Australian continent may be divided by an internal sea such that the east coast was separated from the rest of the continent. This is illustrated by the dotted line which extends from the south east corner of the Gulf of Carpentaria to the east part of present day Victoria; the gap in the coast would remain until the publication of the results of Baudin's and Flinder's voyages".

The mapmaker

Joseph Marx von Liechtenstern (1765-1828) appears to have been an Australian historian and geographer.

Bibliography

Literature: Tooley, 'The Mapping of Australia', 1214.

Provenance

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