



Detailed map of Australia in fine colour

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Map of Australia, Compiled from the Nautical Surveys, Made by Order of the Admiralty and other Authentic Documents.

London: James Wyld, c.1855. Original colour. Dissected and laid on linen, edged in green silk, publisher label pasted on verso. 600 x 870mm.

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A map of Australia detailing the burgeoning English colonies in the south of the continent. It also shows some of the early attempts to explore the interior, including Charles Sturt's third and final expedition, 1845. Insets feature Tasmania and the world showing the position of Australia with the British Empire in red. Far off the east coast are Bampton Shoals (now Bampton Reef, part of the Chesterfield Islands archipelago), with a note 'Two Islands with trees', on the coordinates of 'Sandy Island'. This island was famously declared non-existent in 2013 and removed from Google Maps!

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