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One of the most decorative maps of Australia

CASSINI, Giovanni Maria. La Nuova Olanda e la Nuova Guinea.

Rome, 1798. Original colour. 365 x 490mm.

£3,750

A rare map of Australia and New Guinea, from the 'Nuovo Atlante Geografico Universale'. The emphasis of the map is the charting of Captain Cook down the east coast: most of the marked features are those named by Cook and his crew between the Torres Strait and Tasmania, which is shown as part of the mainland. The title is within a decorative title cartouche with two aborigines, one of whom strangely carries a bow.

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