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An important chart of the Indian Ocean, showing Tasman's mapping of Australia

DU VAL, Pierre.

Carte des Indes Orientales.

Paris, 1665. First state. Original colour. 405 x 550mm.

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A map of the Indian Ocean from the Cape of Good Hope to Japan, with Greece and the eastern Mediterranean top left, engraved by F.D. Lapointe. Australia is shown as mapped by Tasman, the standard view of Australia until Cook over a century later. China and Japan are based on Thevenot's map of 1663, with Korea is correctly shown as a peninsula. The discoveries of other Dutch explorers, including: Dirk Hartog (1580-1621) around Shark Bay in 1616; Jan Carstensz, who named Carpentaria after the governor of the VOC in 1623; and Pieter Nuyts (1598-1655) in southern Australia 1626-7.

CLANCY: Mapping of Terra Australis, map 6.19; PERRY: p.155.

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