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BANKS AND BLIGH'S SECOND BREADFRUIT VOYAGE

BANKS, Sir Joseph.

Autograph letter signed, to Sir Evan Nepean.

Soho Square, London, 1 April, 1794.

\$15,000



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FRENCH INCURSIONS IN THE EAST INDIES: THE FLEET OF MONTMORENCY

BEAULIEU, Augustin.

De rampspoedige scheepvaart der Franschen naar Oostindien...

Amsterdam, Jan Rieuwertsz and Pieter Arentsz, 1669.

\$6850



3602388 at hordern.com

A FAMILY AFFAIR: WITH THE SIGNATURES OF BLIGH & HIS WIFE [BLIGH FAMILY]

Document signed by William and Elizabeth Bligh and others...

Exeter, 1702-1802.

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ENSIGN WHISTLEBLOWER: THE NSW CORPS & LIFE IN SYDNEY

BOND, George.

A Brief Account of the Colony of Port Jackson.

London, printed by R. Wilks, for the Author, 1809.

\$15,500



5001025 at hordern.com

BOUGAINVILLE'S TAHITI: THE SOUTH SEA PARADISE

BOUGAINVILLE, Louis Antoine de.

Voyage autour du Monde, par la frégate du roi La Boudeuse...

Neuchâtel, Société Thyppographique [sic], 1773.

\$2250



4504180 at hordern.com

TELLING "A GOOD STORY" – SAILING WITH DARWIN ON THE BEAGLE

[BEAGLE] BURGESS, Thomas.

Letters to his father Israel Burgess...

Various places, during the voyage of the Beagle and on earlier passages, 1831-1835.

\$125,000



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COXE, William.

Les Nouvelles Découvertes des Russes...

Paris, Hotel de Thou, 1781.

\$2750



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FROM DALRYMPLE VIA THE ROYAL ACADEMY TO BARON CUVIER
DALRYMPLE, Alexander.

An Historical Collection of the several Voyages...

London, for the author, 1770-1771.

\$27,500



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WRITTEN FROM THE SIRIUS, FLAGSHIP OF THE FIRST FLEET
FOWELL, Newton.

Autograph letter signed, to his father.

HMS Sirius, Portsmouth, 10 May 1787.

\$165,000



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SALVAGING SOMETHING FROM ANOTHER SHIPWRECK
FREYCINET, Rose de.

Autograph letter signed to her sister-in-law Clémentine in the Ile Bourbon.

Paris, 10 January 1822.

\$28,500



5001141 at hordern.com

A FIRST FLEETER'S LETTER: AN EXCEPTIONAL SURVIVAL.
JOHNSTON, George

Autograph letter signed to his agents, Messrs Cox, from Sydney...

Sydney, 26 August 1794.

\$155,000



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Sirius May 10. 1787

Am'd Father

This in all probability is the
Letter you will get from me before
leave England. Cap^t Philip came
Yesterday & talks of Sailing to morrow
how that will be I cannot say but the
at Present is fair, if we do not sail
If I can, I will go on shore and take
leave of Cap^t Hartwell, the Commodore
down has been concealed till about 2
before he came so we had no great
get ready I have some Linen on shore
if I cannot get to day will be left to
I had a Letter from James on Sunday

A PRESENTATION NATURAL HISTORY ALMANAC WITH NEW HOLLAND SPECIES

KEARSLEY, Georg, Publisher.

The Naturalist's Pocket Book.

London, for G. Kearsley, Fleet Street, [1796].

\$14,500



5001084 at hordern.com

PAYING THE CLERGYMAN ON NORFOLK ISLAND

KING, Philip Gidley.

Bill of Exchange in favour of Rev. Henry Fulton on Norfolk Island...

Sydney, January 1805.

\$14,000



5001087 at hordern.com

A SUPERB GOLDEN AGE DEPICTION OF TASMAN'S FIRST ENCOUNTER IN NEW ZEALAND

[TASMAN] KOSTER, Everhardus (1817-1892).

[The arrival of Abel Tasman's Ships in New Zealand]...

Amsterdam, late 1850s.

\$75,000



5000772 at hordern.com

THE FIRST BOOK WITH ENGRAVINGS AFTER REDOUTÉ:

L'HERITIER DE BRUTELLE, Charles Louis.

Stirpes Novæ, aut minus cognitæ...

Paris, Paris Philip-Dionysius Pieres (part-titles add: sold by Louis-Nicolas Prevost, Paris; Peter Elmsley, London; and Rudolph Gräffer, Vienna and Leipzig), 1784-1791.

\$62,000



4505038 at hordern.com

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The Naturalist's Pocket Book London, for G. Kearsley [1796]

FIRST APPEARANCE OF THE MACROBIAN WORLD MAP

MACROBIUS, Ambrosius Theodosius.

In somnium Scipionis expositio...

Brescia, Boninus de Boninis, 1483.

\$225,000



4504803 at hordern.com

DESIGNING THE HAUNTING VIGNETTE FOR FREYCINET'S ATLAS

[FREYCINET, Louis Claude de Saulces de.] [MARCHAIS, Pierre Antoine (artist) & Pierre Marie NYON (engraver)].

Details for title-page vignette from the 'atlas historique'...

[Paris], circa 1825.

\$18,500



5001064 at hordern.com

THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE BOOK PUBLISHED IN SINGAPORE

MOOR, John Henry.

Notices of the Indian Archipelago, and adjacent countries...

Singapore, Printed by the Mission Press of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, [maps printed in Calcutta by Jean-Baptiste Tassin at the Oriental Lithographic Press], 1837.

\$46,500



5000856 at hordern.com

PRESENTATION COPY OF THE VERY RARE FIRST AUSTRALIAN STAR CATALOGUE, BY THE FIRST GOVERNMENT ASTRONOMER

RUMKER, Christian Carl Ludwig (Charles Stargard).

Preliminary Catalogue of Fixed Stars...

Hamburg, Printed for Perthes and Besser, 1832.

\$19,500



5000809 at hordern.com

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SUPERB PRESENTATION COPY OF THE FORMER NSW
ASTRONOMER ON LONGITUDE

RUMKER, Christian Carl Ludwig (Charles Stargard).

Längen-Bestimmung durch den Mond...

Hamburg, Perthes-Besser & Mauke, 1849.

\$4850



5000797 at hordern.com

THE "BOOK" OF 18TH-CENTURY TAPA CLOTH COLLECTED IN
THE PACIFIC

[COOK: THIRD VOYAGE] SHAW, Alexander.

A Catalogue of the Different Specimens of Cloth...

London, Alexander Shaw, 1787.

\$325,000



5001042 at hordern.com

CONSIDERED FOR THE GOVERNORSHIP: SOUTHEY'S LONG
POEM ON BOTANY BAY

SOUTHEY, Robert.

Poems.

*Bristol, Printed by N. Biggs for Joseph Cottle, and G.G. and J. Robinson,
London, 1797; [vol. 2:] Bristol: Printed by Biggs and Cottle for T.N.*

Longman and G. Rees.

\$7850



5000771 at hordern.com

THE TRUE FIRST EDITION OF GULLIVER'S TRAVELS

SWIFT, Jonathan.

Travels into Several Remote Nations of the World... By Lemuel Gulliver...

London, Benjamin Motte, at the Middle-Temple-Gate in Fleet-street, [28 October] 1726.

\$87,500



4505165 at hordern.com

FIRST PUBLICATION OF THE THÉTIS VOYAGE

TOUANNE, Vicomte de la.

Album pittoresque de la frégate La Thétis et de la corvette l'Espérance...

Paris, chez Bulla, 1828.

\$27,500



5000819 at hordern.com

THE GERMAN ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA SALUTES BISMARCK

TROEDEL, Charles (Carl).

Illuminated presentation address from the German Association of

Victoria to Prince Otto von Bismarck.

Melbourne, 1885.

\$5750



4504774 at hordern.com

SUPERB RECORD OF LIFE IN THE DUTCH EAST INDIES

VELDE, Charles William Meredith, van de.

Gezigten uit Neêrlands iut Indië, naar de natuur geteekend enbeschreven.

Amsterdam, Frans Buffa en Zonen, circa 1845-46.

\$22,500

 5000858 at hordern.com



Original artwork for the title-page vignette to
Freycinet's *Atlas Historique*, Paris circa 1825

my mother and mother I write these few lines hoping
at they please it affords me I can't find
neglected me I received both letters
December and they were on
Still Schooner

Thomas Burgess
I am commanded
the Ad.
Brisbane

of otherwise June 20 1835

Dear Parents

To Thomas Burgess, Private Royal Marine
On Board H.M. Ship Beagle
H.M. Ship Beagle made sail May 9. 1835

Dear father and mother I write these few lines
they will find you in as good health as it leaves me
thank you for it and has been since I left my native
I am now lying at Rio de Janeiro on board H.M. Ship Beagle
is flag ship for the station and I can't tell how
lay here when I sent you my last letter I did not
was gain at all but when we sailed from Spithead
to have a glimpse in France for to take in an
order and they next land were made after
was they Island of Madagascar and then we
of Teneriffe and there we anchored for
a sorry curious sight it is for it appears
clouds and they took was covered with
set on our ship deck that it burned
there we sailed for they Island of St. Paul
is an African island but fowls and fruits is
indeed and from there we sailed for America but I must
give you a little description of crossing they equinoctial line
for I was shaved on St. Paul's in they morning and bathed
with nasty coal tar and shaved with a iron hoop I have
been but a little while at sea yet but I have been in
three quarters of they globe already you can tell my
Thomas that he told me a many things that I have found

