



A map of the Solomon Islands

BURNEY, James.

A sketch of the Salomon Islands, designed to assist in comparing the Modern Discoveries with the early Spanish accounts.

London: Burney, 1803. 295 x 300mm.

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A rare sketch map of the Solomon Islands, centred on Santa Isabel Island, engraved by Francis Sansom and published in Burney's 'A Chronological History of the Discoveries in the South Sea or Pacific Ocean'. After sailing with Captain Cook on his last two voyages (and witnessing Cook's death on Hawaii), the naval career of James Burney (1750-1821) was cut short by illness. He published this extensive compilation of voyages to the Pacific between 1803 and 1817. In 1821, aged 71, Burney was promoted to rear-admiral on the retired list after a personal intervention by Admiral of the Fleet, the Duke of Clarence (later William IV). Sansom is well-known as an engraver of caricatures but does not appear in either 'Tooley's Dictionary of Mapmakers' or 'British Map Engravers'

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