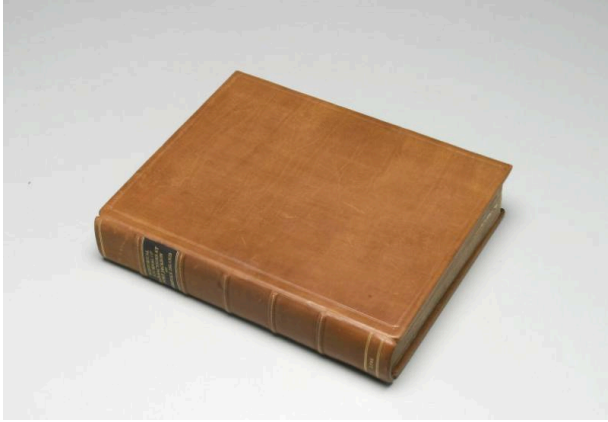


Basic Detail Report



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Title

An Historical Journal of the Transaction at Port Jackson and Norfolk Island with the discoveries which have been made in New South Wales and in the Southern Ocean since the publication of Phillip's voyage

Date

1793

Primary Maker

Captain John Hunter

Medium

Paper, ink, leather

Dimensions

Overall: 310 x 255 x 60 mm

Name

Book

History

The decision to transport British prisoners to the other side of the world drew great interest in Europe. Captain Cook's writings of the region had stirred immense curiosity and generated the exploration and settlement that would follow. With a simple opening paragraph in this book, Captain John Hunter introduces the unique circumstances that established British presence in what would become known as Australia; "It being the intention of government to remove the inconvenience, which this country suffered, from the goals being so exceedingly crowded with criminals, who had been by the laws condemned to transportation, the east coast of New Holland was the place determined upon to form a settlement for this salutary purpose. The east coast of New Holland is that country, which was discovered and explored by Captain James Cook, in his first voyage round the world, and by him called New South Wales. Botany Bay, the only place he entered with the ship, which could be called a harbour, having been mentioned in the narrative of that voyage, as a convenient place for a settlement, was fixed upon by government for the intended design."