Basic Detail Report



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Title

Chart of the coast between Botany Bay and Broken Bay surveyed 1788-1789

Date

1788-1789

Primary Maker

John Stockdale

Medium

Ink on paper

Dimensions

Overall (sight): 410 x 725 mm Overall (frame): 633 x 930 x 36 mm

Name

Chart

History

John Hunter was the second Governor of the colony of New South Wales. He was born in Scotland in 1737 and established a career in the Royal Navy, becoming a midshipman in 1755 and a lieutenant in 1780. Hunter was on board HMS SIRIUS when it sailed to the colony of New South Wales as part of the First Fleet. After returning to England in 1793 he applied for the position of Governor after Arthur Phillip resigned and was appointed in 1794. Hunter only arrived in the colony on 7 September 1795. Hunter's arrival was met with difficult challenges. In the two years following Governor Phillip's resignation and Hunter's appointment, the colonial military had exercised ruling control and used their authority to exploit trade, convict labour, land sales and the court system. Hunter faced serious opposition when he attempted to challenge the military's power. The British Government recalled him from the position in November 1799 and on return to England Hunter was required to defend his character and actions. He was eventually cleared of any fault.