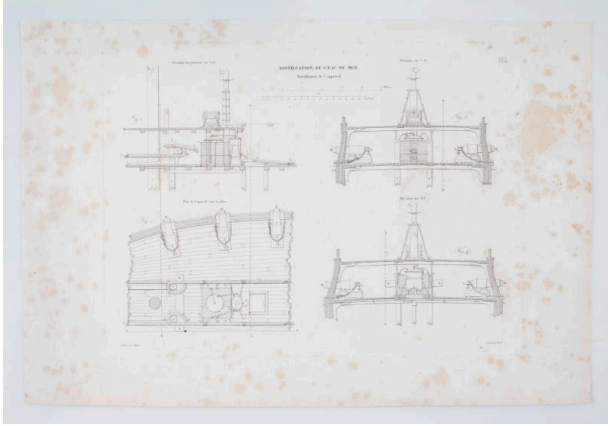


# Basic Detail Report

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**Title**

Distillation de l'eau de mer - Installation de l'appareil

**Date**

1825

**Primary Maker**

Victor-Jean Adam

**Medium**

Ink on paper

**Dimensions**

Overall: 435 mm

**Name**

Engraving

**History**

Louis de Freycinet was a French naval officer who had participated in the Baudin expedition as the expedition's hydrographer/cartographer. As one of the crew of LE NATURALISTE, he was held in high regard by Captain Baudin and eventually entrusted with the command of one of the expedition's auxillary vessels -the CASUARINA, a 20 ton schooner purchased in Port Jackson- in which de Freycinet was tasked to carry out independent surveys of parts of the southern and western Australian coast during 1803. Because of Baudin's death in 1803 de Freycinet collaborated with the naturalist Peron (who had been on board LE GEOGRAPHE as the expedition's principal scientist) on the analysis and presentation of the findings of the Baudin expedition; two volumes and several charts were published between 1807 and 1816. On the strength of this work, de Freycinet was promoted to the rank of "Capitaine de vaisseau" and offered command of another exploring expedition to complete the objectives of Baudin's original mission in Australian and South Pacific waters. In command of the corvette URANIE de Freycinet sailed from Toulon in September 1817 and subsequently spent three years at sea. His expedition explored and charted Shark Bay in Western Australia as well as many islands in the East Indies and Pacific Ocean, including the Moluccan, the Caroline and Mariana islands. The expedition finally put in at Port Jackson in November 1819 before returning home via Cape Horn. The URANIE was wrecked in the Falkland Islands in February 1820. De Freycinet's voyage in the URANIE was especially remarkable for the fact that Rose de Freycinet, Louis' wife, accompanied him during the voyage. She had joined the expedition clandestinely, having come on board disguised as the son of one of de Freycinet's officers. A journal kept by Rose de Freycinet survived the shipwreck and was published in the 1930s; an English translation was published by the National Library of Australia in 1996. (A Woman of Courage, translated by Professor Marc Serge Rivière) Bibliography: F.

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