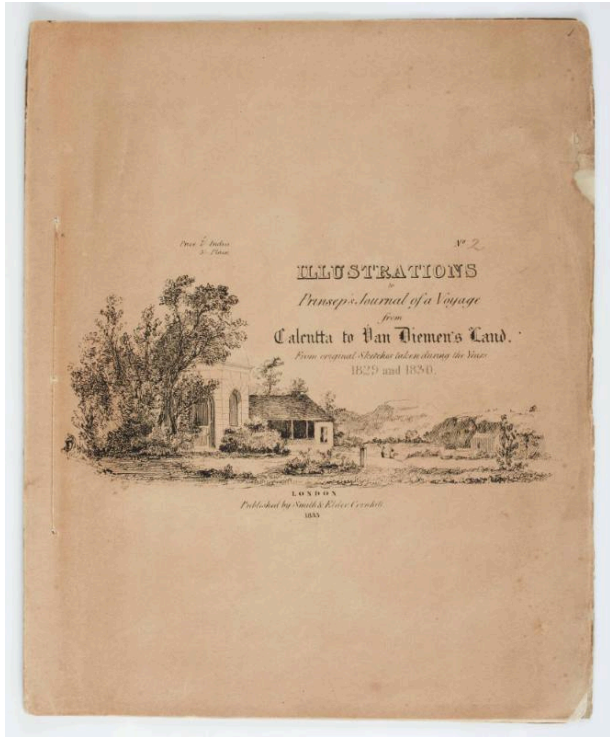


Basic Detail Report



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Title

Illustrations to Prinsep's journal of a voyage from Calcutta to Van Diemen's Land from original sketches taken during the years 1829 to 1830. [Part 2]

Date

1833

Primary Maker

Elizabeth Prinsep (Mrs Augustus Prinsep)

Medium

Ink on paper

Dimensions

Overall: 252 x 296 x 20 mm, 0.15 kg

Name

Book

History

Augustus Prinsep, the eighth son of John Prinsep and Sophia Elizabeth Auriol was born in London in 1803 and later educated at Haileybury College for the Bengal civil service. Commencing work as a clerk for The East India Company he made rapid progress, becoming commissioner of Pergunnah Palamow in 1827. In 1828, he married Elizabeth Ommanney, daughter of Sir Francis Ommanney and Georgina Hawkes, the sister of well known English engraver John Orde Ommanney, and a writer and painter, in her own right. On medical advice, he left the civil service in India to seek out a healthier colony, later joining Elizabeth and their baby daughter in Singapore. Following another bout of illness, they left Singapore on board the 260 ton, wooden sailing ship FLORA on 17 August 1829, travelling via the newly established colony at Swan River, Western Australia, to Hobart, Tasmania arriving in September 1829. The Prinsep's remained in Tasmania for six months, travelling to Launceston and New Norfolk. They left in March 1830 after failing to acquire a land grant. During the course of the voyage to Port Louis on the Isle of France, Augustus Prinsep died. After returning to England, Elizabeth edited his letters into The Journal of a Voyage from Calcutta to Van Diemen's Land and had them published in 1833. She also published two paper bound volumes of illustration, of their trip later that year. Many of the illustrations, engraved by John Ommanney & G.P. Reinagle, are attributed to Augustus, but at least two are the work of Elizabeth.