

THE FIRST NEW ZEALAND PILOT (1842)

In 1965 the library took advantage of a welcome opportunity to purchase privately in England a volume of maps entitled on the spine *New Zealand Pilot*. In this collection are 22 maps, bound as listed below, all but one being hydrographic charts published by the Hydrographic Office of the British Admiralty. All these charts are in mint condition and have obviously never been used for navigational purposes.

Up to and including 1845 the Hydrographic Office published a total of 23 charts of New Zealand coastal harbours and waters and of these 21 are in the present collection. The two lacking are those of Akaroa Harbour and chart 1273 an early survey of Port Nicholson which was superseded by chart 1423 following E. M. Chaffers survey in 1839. The Turnbull Library has the most complete holdings in the country of nineteenth century hydrographic charts and previously lacked nine out of a total of 78 recorded hydrographic charts of New Zealand published before 1900.¹ Five of the nine charts previously lacking are included in the present collection.

Chart no	Title	Survey date	Publication date
1212	The islands of New Zealand compiled from the voyages of Captain Cook and all the subsequent British and French navigators	no date	1838
1089	Lauriston Bay	1769	1781
1092	Wangaroa Bay	1834	1836
1090	Bay of Islands	1824, 1830-32	1836
1275	Tutukaka Harbour and Nongodo River	1837	1840
1093	Shouraka Gulf and the mouth of the River Thames	1769-1834	1836
1349	Wai-temata Harbour	1840	1841
1094	Kiahow Harbour	1834	1836
1423	Port Nicholson	1839	1842
1091	Shookianga River	no date	1833
1414	Tory Channel	1839	1841
1097	Torrent Bay and Astrolabe Road	1827	1836
1272	Port Underwood in Cloudy Bay	1837	1840
1096	Current Basin	1827	1836
1098	Port Gore	1834	1836
1328	Rouabouki Road	1839	1840
1595	Tokolabo and Koko-Rarata bays	1840	1844
1694	Wakaroa	1840	1845