

with insets of Port Hardy, Current Basin, Port Underwood, Torrent Bay and Astrolabe Road, Port Nicholson, Tory channel and Nelson haven. It also includes sailing directions for Port Nicholson and Cook's strait This covers the same area as a map already held by the library published by James Wyld on 6 March 1841, entitled: 'To the New Zealand Company, This chart of Cook's strait compiled from original surveys is dedicated by their obliged servant James Wyld.' The Heaphy map although omitting names used in the Wyld map is much more accurate and clearly incorporates later information. By a strange distortion of the coast line on the map by Wyld, Stephens Island, off the North east tip of D'Urville Island is shown approximately opposite the entrance to the Manawatu river and Cape Farewell opposite north of Waitotara. These errors do not occur in later editions of maps by Wyld but other errors persisted even as late as 1858. These include not showing Porirua Harbour which is clearly marked on the Heaphy map and the Waikanae river on the Wyld map is marked as much longer than it actually is.

The greatest persistent area is perhaps around Cape Egmont where the Heaphy coastline closely resembles present day mapping whereas the Wyld map shows many irregular indentations, perhaps put in as Captain Mein Smith principal surveyor of the New Zealand company suggested 'to break the uniformity of the [coast] line'.³ Even though the existence of Taranaki Bay had been disproved there is mapped a non-existent Patea harbour and Egmont Bay, the latter persisting on other editions of maps during the 1850's.

The sailing directions for Port Nicholson and Cook's strait are basically those of Captain E. M. Chaffers, commander of the New Zealand Company's ship *Tory*, as forwarded by him to the directors of the New Zealand company on 8 October 1839.⁴

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