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Ernest Poulson, The Brig Martha, Crossing The Bay Of Biscay - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1104972****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 76 cm (29.9")

Width = 101 cm (39.8")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

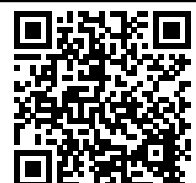
Description

This mid-19th-century oil painting by British artist Captain Ernest Poulson (fl. 1836-1865) depicts the brig Martha of Sunderland crossing the notorious Bay of Biscay. Poulson was a painter of maritime subjects. The Bay of Biscay remains one of Europe's more perilous stretches of water. Numerous ships have been wrecked by its ferocity throughout the centuries due to a combination of its unique geography and unpredictable weather patterns. In 1782, for example, a British fleet, commanded by Admiral Sir Edward Hughes, lost several vessels including the HMS Royal George, resulting in the death of over 1,000 sailors. Here, the brig, under the command of Thomas Pearson, is portrayed as buffeted by fierce waves yet triumphing over adversity. The Brig Martha was built at Sunderland in 1838 and put up for sale via a newspaper advertisement in 1840. "For Sale. The fine Brig Martha, Thomas Pearson, Master. Burthen per register 279 tons o. M. and 301 tons N.M. This vessel was built at Sunderland in 1838 under the inspection of the present owners, is coppered and copper fastened, well found in stores, and only requires provisions to send her to sea: lying in the King's Dock. For...

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