

Our auction of the John Alexander Collection – the first portion – produced some prices far in advance of the estimates. The clearance rate reached just on 80%, allowing for 15 lots sold in the following days, all at the reserves, to several buyers. The more important statistic, however, is that all 16 lots with lower estimates of \$20,000 or more were sold – and some of these were hotly contested. Louis de Freycinet’s copy of Phillip Parker King’s Narrative of a survey, 1826, copiously annotated by him and with two additional maps, reached \$228,000; the magnificent set of La Perouse’s Voyage autour du monde, 1797, with the plates in two states, sold for \$120,000; the manuscript journal of the surgeon-superintendent on the voyage of the convict transport *Belgravia*, bound for Perth in 1866, fetched \$108,000; and the very rare set of lithographed views of New South Wales by Robert Dixon and Thomas Balcombe, published in 1837, with Dixon’s original drawings for his two plates, made \$114,000.

Other notable results included:

\$360,000 for the extremely rare original edition of Blaxland, *Journal of a tour across the Blue Mountains*, 1823;

\$72,000 for Flinders, *Voyage to Terra Australis*, 1814;

\$52,800 for Phillip, *Voyage to Botany Bay*, 1789, the issue with hand-coloured plates;

\$64,800 for Maurice, *Extracts from journals of explorations*, Adelaide 1904, with an album of original photographs of the expedition; and

\$57,600 for White’s *Journal of a voyage to New South Wales*, 1790, the issue with hand-coloured plates, bound with the two parts of Governor Phillip’s despatches from Sydney, 1791-92.

The full results are shown below.

Prices are in Australian dollars, including a buyer’s premium of 20% (Australian buyers also pay GST on the buyer’s premium, adding 2% to the total).

LOT	PRICE
1	\$2,280.00
2	\$11,400.00
3	-
4	\$24,000.00
5	\$11,400.00
6	\$5,280.00
7	-
8	\$2,400.00
9	\$22,800.00
10	\$1,680.00
11	\$1,680.00
12	\$3,360.00
13	\$28,800.00
14	\$360,000.00
15	\$2,280.00
16	\$17,400.00
17	\$2,400.00
18	\$2,340.00
19	-
20	\$5,760.00
21	-
22	-
23	\$1,680.00
24	\$1,020.00
25	\$1,080.00
26	\$8,400.00
27	\$26,400.00
28	\$15,600.00
29	\$6,600.00
30	-
31	\$25,200.00
32	\$0.00
33	\$5,760.00
34	\$9,000.00
35	-
36	\$12,600.00
37	-
38	\$2,280.00
39	\$2,340.00
40	\$3,120.00
41	\$19,200.00
42	\$4,560.00
43	\$1,920.00
44	-
45	\$114,000.00
46	-
47	\$7,800.00
48	\$1,800.00
49	\$28,800.00
50	\$72,000.00
51	\$1,140.00
52	\$4,080.00
53	\$900.00
54	\$5,760.00
55	\$4,320.00
56	-
57	\$1,320.00
58	\$2,280.00
59	\$6,600.00
60	\$1,320.00

LOT	PRICE
61	\$6,600.00
62	-
63	\$20,400.00
64	-
65	\$13,800.00
66	-
67	\$6,600.00
68	-
69	-
70	\$4,560.00
71	-
72	\$22,800.00
73	-
74	\$900.00
75	\$4,560.00
76	\$660.00
77	\$18,000.00
78	\$1,920.00
79	\$2,340.00
80	\$900.00
81	\$4,800.00
82	\$17,400.00
83	\$9,000.00
84	\$9,000.00
85	\$9,720.00
86	\$4,560.00
87	\$228,000.00
88	\$21,600.00
89	\$1,020.00
90	\$1,140.00
91	\$120,000.00
92	\$16,800.00
93	-
94	\$4,560.00
95	\$4,560.00
96	\$3,360.00
97	\$31,200.00
98	\$10,200.00
99	\$6,000.00
100	-
101	\$3,480.00
102	\$10,200.00
103	\$48,000.00
104	\$3,360.00
105	\$10,200.00
106	\$64,800.00
107	\$3,840.00
108	\$2,400.00
109	\$900.00
110	\$7,200.00
111	-
112	-
113	\$4,560.00
114	\$3,600.00
115	\$7,200.00
116	\$10,200.00
117	\$5,760.00
118	-
119	-
120	\$52,800.00

LOT	PRICE
121	-
122	\$2,400.00
123	-
124	\$1,140.00
125	\$6,600.00
126	\$2,280.00
127	\$4,560.00
128	\$9,000.00
129	\$9,000.00
130	\$3,360.00
131	\$11,400.00
132	\$3,360.00
133	-
134	\$3,360.00
135	\$1,140.00
136	\$108,000.00
137	\$4,560.00
138	\$3,120.00
139	\$3,480.00
140	\$9,000.00
141	-
142	\$12,000.00
143	\$11,400.00
144	\$6,600.00
145	\$6,600.00
146	\$17,400.00
147	\$17,400.00
148	\$11,400.00
149	\$11,400.00
150	-
151	\$924.00
152	\$900.00
153	-
154	\$3,480.00
155	-
156	\$6,600.00
157	\$4,560.00
158	\$2,880.00
159	\$2,400.00
160	-
161	\$36,000.00
162	-
163	\$2,280.00
164	\$2,880.00
165	\$9,000.00
166	-
167	\$22,800.00
168	\$4,800.00
169	\$11,400.00
170	\$57,600.00
171	-
172	-
TOTAL:	\$2,198,064.00