

THE NEW ZEALAND PRINTS

1 Insulaire de la Nouvelle Zélande

Engraving and aquatint, 180mm × 117mm, unsigned, 1788.

2 Sauvage de la nouvelle Zélande

Engraving and aquatint, 206mm × 144mm, 'J. Grasset St. Sauveur inv. direx. J. Laroque Sculp.'

1st state, [1789-1793]; 2nd state, 1796: a stroke (scratch?) crosses the *d* of *de* in the title.

3 Guerrier de la nouvelle Zelande

Engraving and aquatint, 213mm × 150mm, 'J. Grasset St. Sauveur inv. direx. J. Laroque Sculp.', [1789-1793], republished 1796.

4 Sauvagesse de la Nouvelle Zelande

Engraving and aquatint, 211mm × 147mm, 'J. Grasset St. Sauveur inv. direx. J. Laroque Sculp.'

1st state, [1789-1793]: no vegetation on ground; 2nd state, 1796: trunk of a small tree at extreme left and one tuft of foliage to each side of the figure; 3rd state, 1796: two diagonal lines (scratches?) in the lower border, above the letters *sse* and *elle Ze* of the title.

5 Fille parée de la Nouvelle Zelande

Engraving and aquatint, 208mm × 144mm, 'J. Grasset St. Sauveur inv. direx. J. Laroque Sculp.'

1st state, [1789-1793]: no vegetation on ground; 2nd state, 1796: one tuft of foliage to each side of the figure.

6 Tableau des Decouvertes du Capne Cook, & de la Pérouse

Engraving, 438mm × 525mm, 'J. G. St. Sauveur Fecit., Phelipeau Sculp., Ecrit par Malbeste, l'an 7 de la République Française' [i.e. 1798-1799].

7 Homme & femme de la Nouvelle Zélande

Engraving, 158mm × 115mm, 'J. G. St. Sauveur del, Lachaussée jne. sculp., Amériqu. Mérid. L'An 1806. Sauvages.'

Neither Bénézit nor Thieme-Becker records J. LAROQUE. Georges MALBESTE or MALBÈTE (Paris 1754-Paris 1843) was a draughtsman, etcher and engraver who exhibited at the Salon from 1798 to 1833. According to Bénézit he specialised in historical and genre subjects. PHELIPEAU is perhaps the Antoine PHELIPPEAUX (Bordeaux 1767, died after 1830), recorded by Bénézit as an engraver of portraits who exhibited at the 1804 Salon.

We have located the following copies of these prints in New Zealand collections:

Alexander Turnbull Library: numbers 2 (both states), 3, 4 (states 1 and 3), 5 (both states), 6 and 7.

Hocken Library: the first states of numbers 2, 4 and 5, and number 3.

Private collection: numbers 1, 2 (state 1), 3, 4 (states 1 and 2), and 5 (state 1).