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19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 36CM, 30CM & 18.5CM LONG

LITERATURE

TIERRA DEL FUEGO WAS VISITED BY COOK'S SHIPS ON HIS FIRST AND SECOND VOYAGES. IN 1769 ALEXANDER BUCHAN PAINTED HIS GOUACHE OF 'THE INHABITANTS OF THE ISLAND OF TERRA DEL FUEGO IN THEIR HUT'.
ON 21ST DECEMBER 1775 COOK AGAIN ANCHORED IN CHRISTMAS HARBOUR OFF TIERRA DEL FUEGO AND HODGES DREW HIS FAMOUS DEPICTION OF 'MAN IN CHRISTMAS SOUND', NOW LOST.
THESE WHALEBONE HARPOONS WERE USED TO CATCH SEALS, PENGUINS AND FISH.