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### **Carte Marine depuis Suratte jusqu'au Detroit de Malaca Dressee par le R.P. Tachard de la Compagnie de Jesus Missionnaire et Mathematicien du Roy dans les Indes . . . 1701**

**Stock#:** 44019  
**Map Maker:** Nolin  
**Date:** 1701  
**Place:** Paris  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 28.5 x 19.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### **Description:**

#### ***Striking Chart of the Indian Ocean, Marking a Famous Diplomat's Journey***

Fine example of this important chart of the Indian Ocean, illustrating the route of the Jesuit priest Guy Tachard at the end of the seventeenth century.

The present example bears the bookplate (bottom right) of the Prussian Royal Academy of Sciences (*Königlich-Preußische Academie der Wissenschaften*), which was formed on July 11, 1700.

The map shows the Maldives, Ceylon (Sri Lanka), much of India, the flood plains of the Ganges River, Burma (Myanmar), continuing around to Malacca on the Malaysian Peninsula. It includes most of Sumatra and names the Aceh region. Three insets detail the vicinity of Goa, the Port of Negrailles, and the Port of Mergui.

An ornate cartouche is decorated with artifacts, exotic flora, and eagles. It explains that this chart was not to be used primarily for navigation, despite the presence of sounding depths, navigational obstructions, and rhumb lines, but to showcase the multiple legs of Guy Tachard's (1651-1712) final embassy to Siam. Tachard established diplomatic relations with the Kingdom of Siam over the course of several voyages in the final two decades of the seventeenth century.

Siamese representatives first ventured to the French court, arriving in 1684. King Louis XIV sent his own embassy the following year. It included Tachard, a Jesuit missionary, astronomer, and mathematician, and was commanded by the Chevalier de Chaumont and François-Timoléon de Choisy. The group arrived in Siam, where they attended on King Narai of Siam, and a group of five Jesuits continued on to China.



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Tachard, however, returned to France with another Siamese embassy.

Tachard was sent back to Siam to accompany the delegates' home. This embassy, in five ships, was commanded by General Desfarges and employees of the French East India Company. They reaffirmed the former commercial treaty decided by the first embassy. However, the presence of French troops triggered an uprising that saw the death of King Narai and the crowning of King Phra Petratcha.

Meanwhile, Tachard had returned to Europe as the Ambassador Extraordinary for the King of Siam. He visited Pope Innocent XI in January 1688. Prevented from returning due to the revolution, Tachard waited at Pondicherry and then returned again to France. He went to Siam once more, arriving in 1699, which is the voyage shown on this chart.

Tachard died in Chandernagor in 1712. His embassies were so well known due to his published travel accounts, which were translated across Europe.

**Detailed Condition:**

Old Color.