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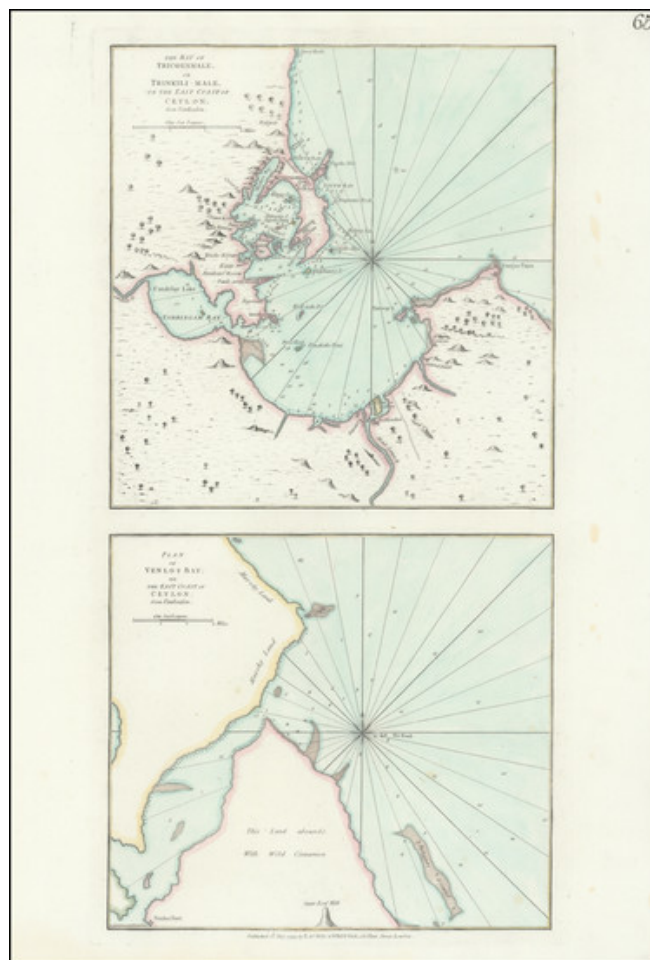
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(Sri Lanka) The Bay of Tricoenmale, or Trinkili-Male, on the East Coast of Ceylon [with] Plan of Venlos Bay, on the East Coast of Ceylon

Stock#: 94811
Map Maker: Laurie & Whittle
Date: 1794
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 11.75 x 23 inches
Price: \$ 345.00



Description:

This two-map sheet, published in London on 12th May 1794 by Laurie & Whittle, offers detailed charting of the Bay of Trincomenale (or Trincomalee) alongside a plan of Venlos Bay on the East Coast of Ceylon (present-day Sri Lanka).

During the latter part of the 18th century, Ceylon was a focal point for colonial powers due to its strategic location. Trincomalee, with its notable natural harbor, was a sought-after location for naval and trade activities, drawing attention from European colonizers such as the Dutch, Portuguese, and British. This map, with its precise geographical details and maritime markers, reflects the navigational necessities of the time.



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The map also presents internal geographical features, including hills, marshlands, and lakes. The diverse set of place names, a blend of native Sinhalese, Tamil, and colonial terms, gives a glimpse into the cultural interactions and colonial influences of the period.

Overall, *The Bay of Trincomenale* and *Plan of Venlos Bay* capture key locations on the East Coast of 18th-century Ceylon, providing a view into its maritime significance and the interplay of local and colonial elements during a period marked by colonial interests.

Both maps are taken from original work produced by the Van Keulen firm.

Detailed Condition:

Copperplate engraving on a single sheet of laid paper. Ink stamp "65" in the upper right corner.