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Sumatrae et Insularum Locorumque Nonnullorum Circumiacentium Tabula Nova

Stock#: 0170gh
Map Maker: Jansson
Date: 1730 circa
Place: Nuremberg
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20.5 x 16.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine chart of the Island of Sumatra and the southern coasts of Malaysia from Quedo to Johore, by Jan Jansson, with east oriented at the top.

Singapore is probably identified just to the south of Johore as Senasur. As the map appeared in an atlas of Sea Charts, very little interior detail is given but the coastlines, settlements and principal coastal features are identified.

In earlier times, Sumatra had been mistaken for the Island of Ceylon or Taprobana. The name Taprobana was used since the time of Ptolemy for the Island of Ceylon, had been applied to Sumatra from the fifteenth century, after a misunderstanding by the Italian traveler Nicolo di Conti. Conti dismissed the idea that Ceylon was Taprobana and so identified Sumatra as the mythical island described by Eratosthenes, Strabo, Pliny, Ptolemy & Cosmas.

Detailed Condition: