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## Contrafactur des Scharmutz els der Hollender wider die Portugesen in dem Flus Balusabar . . .

**Stock#:** 34470  
**Map Maker:** De Bry  
**Date:** 1607 circa  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 13 x 10 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Fine early map of the Straits of Singapore, the first published map of the Strait.

The details of the region around Singapore had been jealously guarded by the Portuguese for nearly a century. The map is oriented with north to the left and depicts the southern coast of the Singapore island (Sinca Pora) and the Straits of Johor (Rio Batasubar). Most of the coastline is marked as unknown (Cust unbekent), suggesting that Europeans had not circumnavigated the island at this time. The map shows Pulu Karimon and other major islands in the Singapore Strait. The island of Singapore is depicted as attached to the mainland.

The map records a naval battle between the Dutch and Portuguese, probably in 1603, with alphabet letters to code the various ships involved. A Portuguese galleon, the Santa Catherine was captured by the Dutch and its cargo sold in Amsterdam for a princely sum of 3.5 million guilders. Depicted are the Dutch ships Zierickzee, Enkhuysen, Amsterdam and Hollandse Zaan.



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