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(Gulf of Siam, Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Paracell Islands, etc)

Stock#: 48962 Map Maker: Herbert

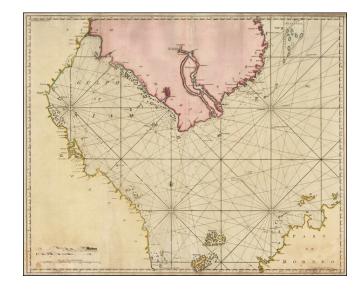
Date: 1760 Place: London

Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG

Size: 21 x 16 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Extremely rare English sea chart of the Gulf of Siam, Thailand, Malaysia and a portion of the Straits of Malaca, Cambodia and Vietnam, from William Herbert's *New Directory for the East Indies*.

The Chao Phraya River is charted through "Siam" (Ayutthaya). Cambodia and Vietnam, and the Mekong appear prominently. The map clearly identifies the Paracel Islands.

Includes extensive details and soundings, along with two profile views in the lower left corner. The northeastern part of Borneo is also shown. The focus of the map is on the coastal features, but there is also detail along several of the major rivers.

The English mapmaker William Herbert (1718-95) traveled to India in about 1748 as a purser's clerk. Back home in the early 1750s, he set up a map and print shop on London Bridge, and in 1758, with the encouragement of the East India Company, he introduced a new pilot guide, the New Directory for the East Indies. Herbert gathered superior sources than those used in Mount & Page's The Third Book, consulting such works as Mannevillette's Neptune Oriental, as well as the navigator William Nicholson and the cartographer Samuel Dunn.

Detailed Condition:

Original wash color. Some scuffing near bottom, reinforced on verso along bottom, else fine.