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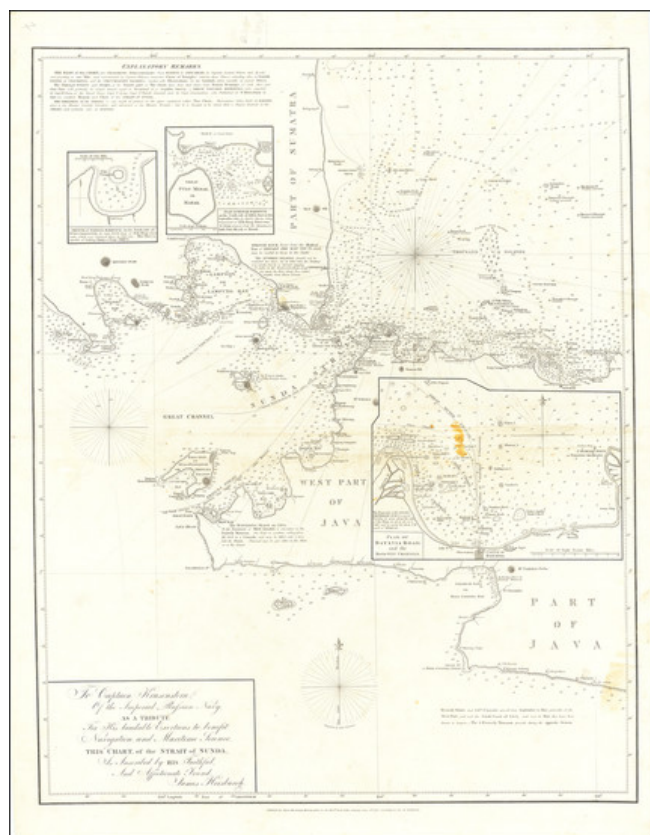
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**(Straits of Sunda and Western Java -- Batavia Roads) To Captain Krusenstern, of the Imperial Russian Navy As A Tribute For His Laudable Exertions to benefit Navigation and Maritime Science, This Chart of the Strait of Sunda Is Inscribed by His Faithful And Affectionate Friend, James Horsburgh**

**Stock#:** 67359  
**Map Maker:** Horsburgh  
**Date:** 1818  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** Good  
**Size:** 24.5 x 30.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



## Description:

Detailed sea chart showing the Straits of Sunda, with a large inset Plan of Batavia Road and the Adjacent Channels and two smaller inset maps.

This chart was published in numerous editions. The present map appears to be the earliest; we are aware of editions of 1845 and 1857 as well, but there are surely more.

The chart is dedicated to Captain Adam Johann von Krusenstern, the first Russian circumnavigation of the globe. Horsburgh refers to himself as Krusenstern's "Faithful, And Affectionate Friend."

The need for more accurate charts was forcibly brought home to James Horsburgh on May 30, 1786, when



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his shipwrecked off the coast of Diego Garcia 'in consequence of an error in her chart' (DNB). For almost the next twenty years Horsburgh gathered information about the sea lanes traveled by the East Indiamen, both from his own observations - most particularly during a seven-year period when he commanded a ship called the 'Anna' - and from the work of others. The value and importance of his observations and the resulting charts were swiftly recognized and they were published over a lengthy period, with revisions being made as they were needed.

Horsburgh was rewarded by being elected a member of the Royal Society in March 1806 and, more importantly from a financial point of view, he was appointed hydrographer to the East India Company in October 1810.

**Detailed Condition:**

Scattered staining but otherwise Very Good.