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A New Chart of the West Coast of Sumatra, from the Equinoctial Line to the Straits of Sunda

particular region. The third inset depicts the Straits of Se Cockup, situated between the islands of North and South Pogy, based on the survey by Joseph Mascall, a volunteer in 1773. This inset not only maps the straits but also provides navigational advice for sailors, pointing out the best places to anchor without causing damage to cables or anchors. It also advises on the locations for freshwater and the presence of strong currents. It informs sailors about the rocky and narrow entrance on the northeast side, and the clear, wide entrance on the southeast side.

This chart, like other maritime charts of the time, was not only a navigational tool, but also an informational document. It combines geographical details with practical sailing advice, serving as a comprehensive guide for seafarers. It encapsulates a snapshot of the maritime knowledge of the time and reflects the interactions between European colonizers and the geography of foreign lands like Sumatra.

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