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A New Chart of the Northern Part of the Straits of Malacca, From Acheen to Malacca

Stock#: 94361

Map Maker: Laurie & Whittle

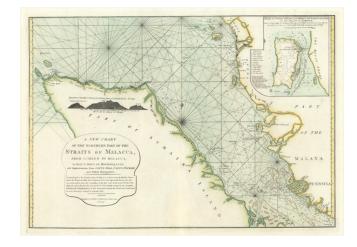
Date: 1798 Place: London

Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG+

Size: 27.25 x 18.75 inches

Price: \$ 1,800.00



Description:

A New Chart of the Northern Part of the Straits of Malacca, From Acheen to Malacca is a historically significant navigational chart capturing the northern region of the Malacca Strait, nestled between Sumatra and the Malay Peninsula. This chart was published in Laurie & Whittle's rare East India Pilot, a crucial navigation tool used by officers of the Royal Navy and East Indiamen.

The chart is an adaptation and enhancement of d'Apres Mannevillette's *Carte Plate de la partie Septentrionale du Detroit de Malac, depuis de la rade d'Achem jusqu'a Malac* (1775). The original was published in English by Sayer and Bennett in 1778, but this Laurie & Whittle edition brings more detail and updated features, including a coastal profile and an inset in the upper right, which displays a "Plan of Poolo Pinang, now Prince of Wales's Island."

A unique aspect of this map is its careful inclusion of details about the Eastern Coast of Sumatra. Despite acknowledging that the area is "imperfectly known" due to limited European contact, the chart still includes essential soundings along the coastal track commonly used by ships.

Produced by the partnership of Robert Laurie and James Whittle, who took over Robert Sayer's business in 1794, this chart and the 'East India Pilot' series it belongs to were important navigational resources during the height of British seafaring trade and exploration in the East Indies. It reflects the significant efforts of Laurie & Whittle to provide accurate, practical maps for maritime navigation, particularly in the highly trafficked, strategically critical waters of the Malacca Strait.

The partnership of Laurie and Whittle, later taken over by Richard Holmes Laurie, marked a critical phase in the history of British cartography, leading to the creation of renowned chartmakers and publishers



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Detailed Condition:

Hand applied color engraving on 18th century laid paper. Tear to upper right hand margin and neat line repaired with archival paste and tissue.

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