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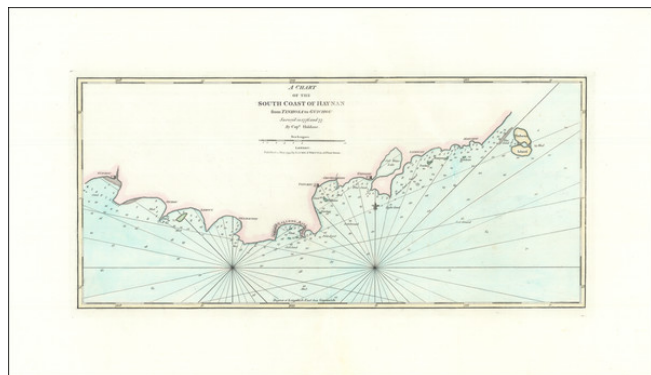
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[Southern Hainan Coast] A Chart of the South Coast of Haynan from Tinhosa to Guichou

Stock#: 94735
Map Maker: Laurie & Whittle
Date: 1794
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 28.5 x 13 inches
Price: \$ 875.00



Description:

Rare large-format British sea chart of Hainan's south coast, centered on Sanya and Yalong Bay, first published in the 1781 by Sayer & Bennett, and here re-issued by their successors, Laurie & Whittle, in 1794.

Based upon John Haldane's 1776-7 survey of the region, commissioned by the British East India Company, the chart appeared in several editions of the 'The East-India Pilot, or Oriental Navigator',

The chart prominently captures key landmarks: from the western 'Guichou' fort in the Yazhou area, to 'Samouy' (modern Sanya), 'Galloon Bay' (now known as Yalong Bay with its opulent resorts), to the forts at 'Tonckeu' and 'Tongsoy', and further to 'Linksuey' (Lingshui) and the island 'Tinhosa' (Dazhou Island). Detailed maritime notations, such as bathymetric soundings and potential hazards, embellish the map.

The chart has a fascinating genesis. Historically, European ships briefly stopped at Hainan's coast en route to Canton, yet no thorough mapping efforts were undertaken. In 1776, the *HMS Earl of Sandwich*, led by Captain Charles Deane of the British East India Company, anchored at Yalong Bay due to unfavorable seasonal sailing conditions. During this extended stay, the ship's Master, John Haldane, undertook the pioneering survey of Hainan's southern coast. While not scientifically exhaustive, his survey substantially elevated European understanding of the area.

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Detailed Condition: