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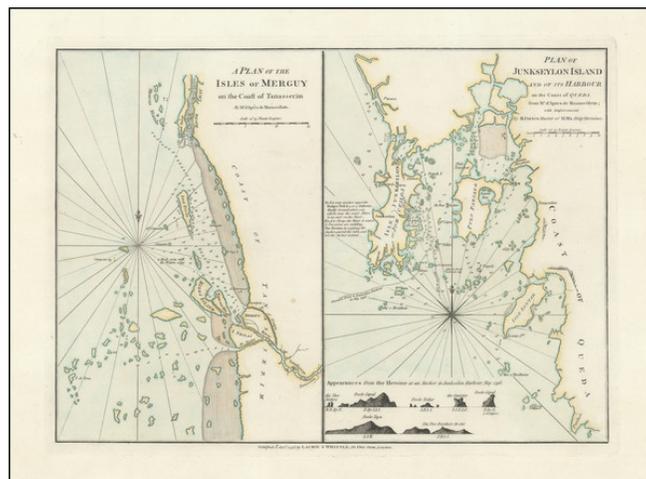
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(Phuket) A Plan of the Isles of Merguy [with:] Plan of Junkseylon Island

Stock#: 94799
Map Maker: Laurie & Whittle
Date: 1798
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 18 x 13 inches
Price: \$ 1,200.00



Description:

This 1798 engraving by Laurie & Whittle, entitled *A Plan of the Isles of Merguy on the Coast of Tanasserim* and *Plan of Junkseylon Island and Its Harbour on the Coast of Queda*, showcases the fine detail and careful artistry characteristic of late-18th-century maritime cartography. The work, derived from the records of M. d'Après de Manneville and M. Forten, master of H.M.'s Ship *Heroine*, provides valuable navigational information about two significant locations in what are present-day Thailand and nearby regions.

The first chart depicts the archipelago of Mergui, located off the coast of the Tanintharyi Region of modern-day Myanmar. Known for its untouched islands, it is considered an exotic vacation spot today, attracting those seeking tranquility and natural beauty.

The second chart features a detailed layout of Phuket, formerly known as Junkseylon. Situated off the West Coast of Queda (now Kedah, Malaysia), Phuket is one of Thailand's premier tourist destinations, renowned for its golden beaches, rich cultural history, and vibrant nightlife.

These detailed navigational maps not only encapsulate the geographic features of these areas but also include additional observations. For example, the note on the second chart provides practical maritime advice for anchoring, availability of resources like wood and water, and prevailing conditions on the shore. These observations, while primarily targeted at seafarers in the 18th century, inadvertently provide a window into the past for these now-popular tourist locales.

Overall, these maps exemplify the meticulous craft of maritime cartography in the late 18th century and concurrently offer a historical perspective of the locations that are today sought-after tourist destinations.



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