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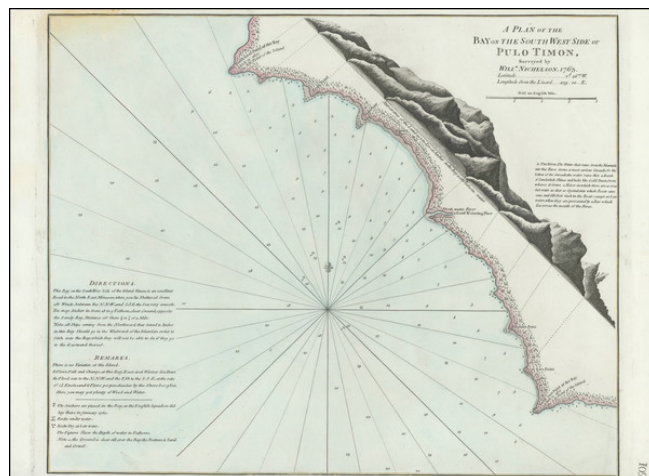
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A Plan of the Bay on the South West Side of Pulo Timon

Stock#: 94803
Map Maker: Laurie & Whittle
Date: 1794
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 18 inches
Price: \$ 475.00



Description:

A Plan of the Bay on the Southwest Side Of Pulo Timon, surveyed by William Nicholson in 1763 and published by Laurie & Whittle in 1794, presents a detailed maritime charting of the southwest region of Tionam Island, or Pulau Tioman, off the eastern coast of West Malaysia. The chart maps a large portion of the southwest coast of Tioman Island from its southeast to northwest points and features a depth of mariner-focused information, from soundings and seabed notes to indications of reefs and shoals. The coastal profile offers a straightforward visual of the coastal topography as viewed from the bay, complemented by annotations detailing essential sailing directions based on Nicholson's surveys.

During the 18th century, Pulau Tioman held significance due to its strategic maritime location, as East Indiamen would often sail between the Malaysian Peninsula and the west coast of the island. The chart describes a river (likely representing an important source of fresh water) originating from a mountain waterfall, leading into a sandy bank and forming a clear-water river. The annotations provide clear instructions for anchoring, highlighting the bay's protective qualities, especially during the Northeast Monsoon, and offering guidance on safe wind ranges from north-northwest to south-southeast.

Accurate indications of landmarks, such as rocks visible only during low tide, enhance the map's practicality for navigators. The reference to the English Squadron's anchorage in January 1763 offers a glimpse into the naval activities of the period. In its entirety, the map stands as both a valuable navigational tool and a document of Pulau Tioman's maritime history.

Captain William Nicholson was the Superintendent of the Royal Navy in Bombay.



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Detailed Condition:

Faint stain and expert restoration in the upper left corner.