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Sketch of the Straits of Gaspar, By J. Huddart. 1788

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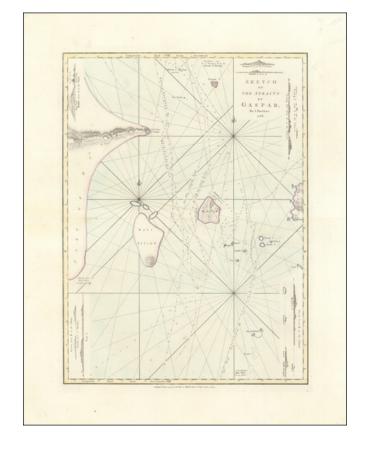
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Description:

Sketch of the Straits of Gaspar, By J Huddart. 1788 is a highly detailed sea chart published by Laurie & Whittle in London on May 12, 1794. Focusing on the Straits of Gaspar, located between the Bangka-Belitung Islands and Sumatra in today's Indonesia, the chart exhibits the precision and detail needed by sailors of the time. Interesingly, this chart takes in only the strait east of Bangka.

The map includes a gestural depiction of the southeast coast of Banka (today's Bangka), Salt (Lepar) Island, Middle (Liat) Island, and a section of Long (Mendanau) Island. Apart from the main landforms, the chart also displays a host of smaller islands scattered throughout the straits.

In addition to the islands, the chart showcases numerous sailing channels and soundings — key information for mariners to understand water depth and potential navigational hazards. These soundings would have been crucial for the captains and crews navigating these waters, which could shift from deep to shallow quite rapidly.

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Adding to the visual richness and practical utility of the map are several profile views. These profiles provide a visual cue to sailors, helping them identify specific features of the coastline from a distance.

For its time, this chart was one of the most detailed and up-to-date maps of the Straits of Gaspar, serving as a vital navigational tool for those sailing these waters.

Detailed Condition: