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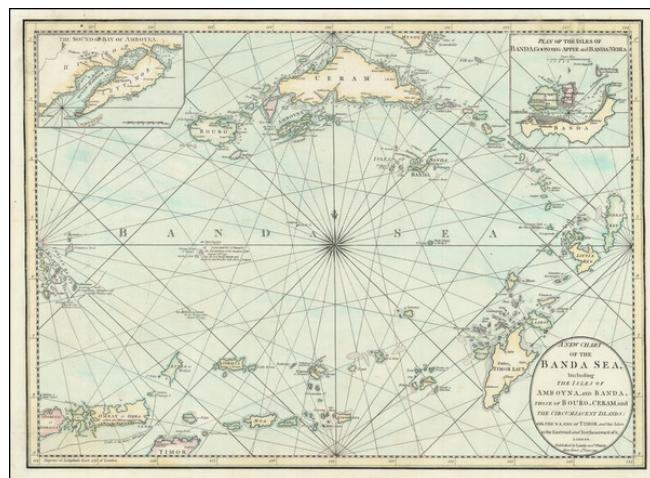
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(Spice Islands) A New Chart of the Banda Sea, Including The Isles of Amboyna, and Banda, Those of Bouro, Ceram and The Circumjacent Islands; with the N.E. End of Timor . . . [with inset maps of Bay of Amboyna and Islands of Banda, Goonong-Appee and Banda Neira]

Stock#: 97002
Map Maker: Laurie & Whittle
Date: 1794
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 24 x 17.5 inches
Price: \$ 750.00



Description:

A New Chart of the Banda Sea, published by Laurie and Whittle in London on 4th June 1799, delineates the maritime region of the Banda Sea, including prominent islands such as Amboyna, Banda, and Bouro, and further stretches to the northeastern end of Timor. Enriched with insets that illustrate the Bay of Amboyna and the isles of Banda, Goonong-Appee, and Banda-Neira, this chart serves as an essential tool for understanding the navigation and geography of the area during the cusp of the 19th century.

In the closing years of the 18th century, European maritime exploration and trade were reaching their zenith. The Banda Sea, situated within the Indonesian archipelago, was a focal point of these endeavors. Not only were these waters rich with spices and other valuable commodities, but they were also vital routes for ships navigating between the far reaches of the Asian continent and the colonial powers of Europe.

Laurie and Whittle's publication captured the maritime details with precision, as evident in its notations. Annotations such as "the Three Eastern Noossa Pinhos of Valentyn" and "the Dizzy Reef" offer mariners significant information about local landmarks and potential hazards. Meanwhile, the references to "Luca-parros of Dampier" and "the Luceparas of the Taunton Castle August 28 1797" evoke maritime tales and voyages, emphasizing the chart's historical context and the continued European exploration of the region.

Moreover, the note "They are Low Woody Islands and cannot be seen from the Deck above 4 Leagues"



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underscores the practical nature of the chart. Such information would have been indispensable for sailors navigating unfamiliar and treacherous waters, where the margin for error could be perilously slim.

The presence of insets further enhances the chart's utility and informational richness. The "Plan of the Isles of Banda, Goonong-Appee and Banda-Neira," for instance, offers detailed topographical insights into these islands. Together with the primary map, these insets create a comprehensive picture of the Banda Sea and its surrounding islands during a period of heightened European interest and interaction with Southeast Asia.

Detailed Condition: