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### The Straits of Sincapore with those of Durion, Sabon, Mandol &ca and South Part of Malacca Straits

**Stock#:** 94797  
**Map Maker:** Laurie & Whittle  
**Date:** 1799  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 22.75 x 16.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 12,500.00



#### Description:

#### *One of the Best 18th-Century English Charts of the Straits of Singapore.*

This map, titled "The Straits of Sincapore with those of Drion, Sabon, Mandol &ca and South Part of Malacca Straits Improved and Corrected from the Observations of Captn. John Hall of the Worcester, Captn. J. Lindsey, Captn. Elmore, and other Navigators", was published in London by Laurie & Whittle on January 1, 1799.

For the time, the map provided an accurate representation of the Singapore and Malacca Straits, relying on the first-hand observations of notable sea captains such as John Hall, J. Lindsey, and Elmore, who had navigated the area. This area was, and still is, a significant global shipping route connecting the Pacific and Indian Oceans, making accurate maps critical for safe navigation.

The map details the geography of the region extending from Sumatra in the southwest to just north of Singapore in the north. Various islands, including Batam ("Pulo Battam"), Bintan ("Pulo Bintang"), and Lingga ("Isle Linging or Lingan"), are depicted.

The accompanying text is an extract from Captain Elmore's journal from the ship *Gratitude*, providing a detailed account of a journey through the Straits of Malacca in December 1784. It offers rich details such as wind direction, landmarks, distances, depths, and the location of dangers such as rocks and shoals.

The map follows a very similar chart produced by Sayer & Bennett in 1778, demonstrating the continued relevance of these sea routes and the evolving understanding of their geography over time.



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