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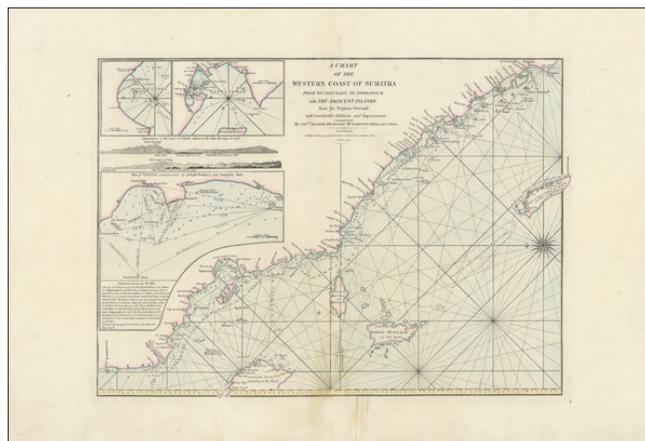
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A Chart of the Western Coast of Sumatra From Touroumane to Indrapour

Stock#: 95447
Map Maker: Laurie & Whittle
Date: 1794
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 26.25 x 18.5 inches
Price: \$ 750.00



Description:

This detailed *Chart of the Western Coast of Sumatra from Touroumane to Indrapour*, published by Laurie & Whittle on 12 May 1794, stands as a significant East Indies navigational aid of the late 18th century. The map offers substantial insights into the coastal geography of Sumatra and its adjacent islands, with noteworthy contributions from Captain Joseph Huddart and Mr. Sampson Hall.

This chart represents the preeminent role of the British in maritime navigation and exploration in the late 18th century, a time when the East Indies were a hotbed of colonial endeavors. The inclusion of navigational and topographical data from the *Neptune Oriental* underscores the British Empire's use of accumulated global maritime knowledge in their charting efforts.

The map stands out with its carefully observed and finely engraved details of the western Sumatran coast. It includes insets of Se-Leaga Bay and Tappanooly Bay, providing an intimate understanding of these strategic locations. A special addition is the detailed Plan of Nattal, further communicated by Huddart and Hall, a testament to the extent of their navigation and exploration.

Adding a touch of first-hand maritime experience, the chart also features an account by Mr. Hall documenting an incident that occurred on 23rd August 1784. This narrative describes the encounter of the ship *Royal Bishop* with a shoal of coral rocks, providing a fascinating glimpse into the dangers and unpredictability of seafaring at the time. Hall's account not only exemplifies the seafarers' resilience but also underlines the critical role such incidents played in augmenting the accuracy of future charts.

The *Chart of the Western Coast of Sumatra from Touroumane to Indrapour* thus represents not just a mere geographical depiction, but a compendium of scientific observations, firsthand experiences, and the seafaring knowledge of the era. Its contributions to the maritime cartography of the East Indies make it an



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important artifact of maritime history and colonial exploration.

Detailed Condition:

Expertly restored at the bottom edge near the vertical centerfold. Some nearby early manuscript in ink and pencil fairly faint.