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China Sea Sheet 1 (Singapore, Siam, Cambodia, Mindanao, Borneo)

Stock#: 29235
Map Maker: Horsburgh
Date: 1842
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 39 x 26 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Detailed sea chart of the region extending from Singapore, Gulf of Siam, Cambodia, Vietnam, Mindanao and Borneo, published by the East India Company in 1844.

Extremely detailed chart of the region, with a number of coastal profiles.

The need for more accurate charts was forcibly brought home to James Horsburgh on May 30, 1786, when his ship wrecked off the coast of Diego Garcia 'in consequence of an error in her chart' (DNB). For almost the next twenty years Horsburgh gathered information about the sea lanes travelled by the East Indiamen, both from his own observations - most particularly during a seven year period when he commanded a ship called the 'Anna' - and from the work of others. The value and importance of his observations and the resulting charts was swiftly recognized and they were published over a lengthy period, with revisions being made as they were needed.

Horsburgh was rewarded by being elected a member of the Royal Society in March 1806 and, more importantly from a financial point of view, he was appointed hydrographer to the East India Company in October 1810.

Detailed Condition:

Blue-backed sea chart. Soiling and spotting. Silk edges chipped. Contemporary pencil annotations charting courses.