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Plan Shewing the situation of the Ilchester's Shoal by Capt.D. Ross

Stock#: 31902
Map Maker: Ross
Date: 1819
Place: n.p.
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 12.5 x 13 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Extremely rare chart of the area around what was then known as Ilchester's Shoal, as surveyed by Captain Daniel Ross, one of the most prolific chart makers of his time.

Captain Daniel Ross was regarded as "the Father of the Indian Surveys." Ross founded the Bombay Geographical Society and led the survey of the coasts of China (1807), Paracels with part of the coast of Cochin China and coast of Palawan (1810), Straits of Malacca (1819) coast of Tenasserim, Mergui Archipelago, Saya de Malha Bank and Rangoon (1825). His charts form the foundation of the General Charts of Captain Horsburgh.

In 1825, Ross was appointed the Marine Surveyor General for the East India Company, and remained in command until November 1833.

In discussing the importance of the contributions of the Indian Navy in the charting of the region, Captain Jervis of the Bengal Engineers stated at a meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science (August 26, 1838):

The maritime surveys which have been made by the East India Company's naval officers are honourable to the spirit of the great public body whose desire they were instituted. A series of charts of the entire coast of



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China, by my friend Captain Daniel Ross, Indian Royal Navey, and others, illustrating the ports, rivers and coasts, from Cochin China and throughout the Malayan Archipelago to the confines of India, by Captains Crawford, Robinson and Ross, are highly useful to the navigators who frequent those seas. . .

Interesting manuscript additions and chinese characters in the lower right corner.

Detailed Condition:

Printed and manuscript chart on linen, with green silked edges.