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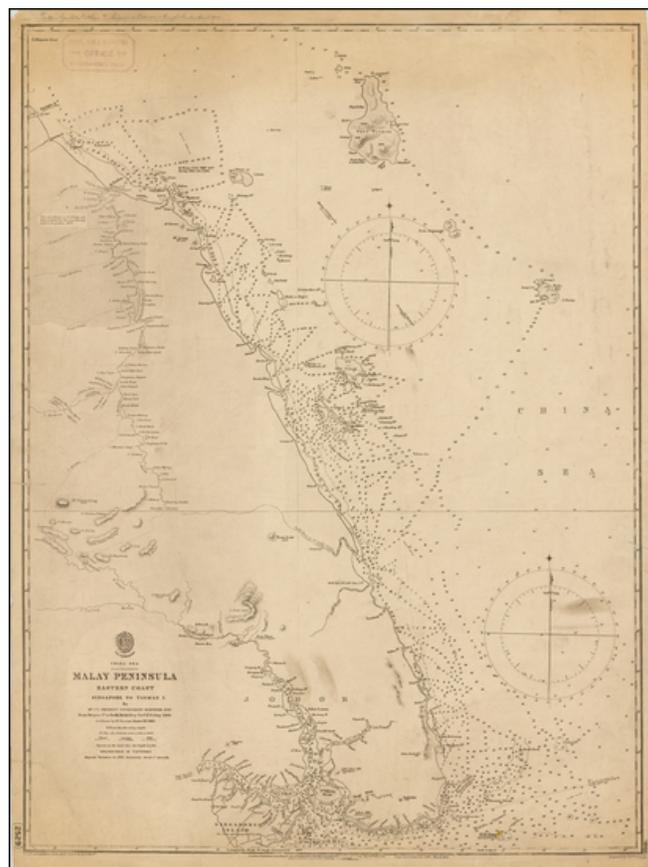
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Stock#: 36993
Map Maker: British Admiralty
Date: 1869 (1897)
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 25 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A rare British Admiralty sea, depicting southeastern Malaysia and the eastern part of the island of Singapore.

This fine chart details the eastern parts of what is now the mainland Malaysian State of Johor, from the site of Johor Bahru eastwards, along with the eastern part of the island of Singapore. It was primarily intended to guide ships into the eastern approaches to Singapore Harbour, one of the busiest ports in the East, and the main center of the British Empire in southeast Asia. At the time, Johor was a nominally independent sultanate under British protection. The Strait of Johor and the waters off of Changi, Singapore feature detailed bathymetric soundings, while all of the coastlines throughout are labelled with copious navigational information. The island of Pulo Tioman, known today for its scuba diving, is located in the upper-right of the map.



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The chart is primarily based on the surveys conducted by John Turnbull Thomson (1821-1884), a leading pioneer in the mapping of Singapore, Malaysia and New Zealand. Turnbull was appointed Government Surveyor of Singapore at the amazingly young age of 20 in 1841. He energetically set about surveying new cadastral lots and constructing public works throughout Singapore. In the late 1840s and early 1850s, with the support of the Admiralty and the Sultan of Johor, Thomson set about conducting advanced triangulated coastal surveys of Singapore and southern Malaya. An enduring legacy was his construction of the Horsburgh Lighthouse, off of the extreme southeastern tip of Malaya (marked on the map, and heightened in yellow and red). As new information became available, Thomson's charts were corrected in subsequent editions, with the present edition corrected up to 1897. Thomson later served as Surveyor General of New Zealand.

As such working sea charts were heavily used at sea, their survival rate is quite low. The present chart is the first example we have ever encountered.

Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling. Includes the stamp of Goode, Son & Matthews.