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To The Honourable The Court of Directors of the United East India Company This Chart of Malacca Strait Singapore Strait and the Southernmost Promontory of Asia . . .

Stock#: 41432dc
Map Maker: Horsburgh

Date: 1847
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 39 x 25 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Detailed chart of the Malaca Peninsula and Straits, including the Island of Singapore.

The map extends south to Battam, Bintang and the Straits of Singapore (the island is named), with 18 profile views.

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 Inda Company in October 1810.

Detailed Condition:
Minor soiling. Linen backed, with pencil annotations.