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**To The Honourable The Court of Directors of the United East India Company This
Chart, Intended as an Accompaniment to the Book of Directions for Navigating to, from
and in the East Indies Is Inscribed by Their Faithful and obliged Servant James
Horsburgh . . .**

Stock#: 41446dc
Map Maker: Horsburgh

Date: 1849
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 39 x 25 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Detailed chart of Banca, Sumatra and the Straits of Gaspar, etc.

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



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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:

Minor soiling.