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Carte Des Detroits De Singapour Durian, Jombol et Rhio Dressee d'apres les travaux Anglais et Hollandais les plus recents . . . 1866

Stock#: 43420
Map Maker: Depot de la Marine
Date: 1866 (1887)
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 36 x 24.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare separately issued chart of Singapore and neighboring islands, published in Paris.

The first edition of the map was published in 1866, utilizing French and English sources. Among other features, the maps prominently note the two lighthouses erected under the direction of John Turnbull Thomson.

The chart is one of the earliest maps to focus in significant detail on the region, following only 20 years after John Turnbull Thomson and Samuel Congalton's original survey work in the region led to the publication of his monumental 2 sheet chart of the region in 1846, which was later revised and re-issued in 1855: {{ inventory_detail_link('41431dc') }}

Originally issued in 1866, the map is apparently drawn from a rare British Admiralty Chart entitled *SINGAPORE STRAIT By Staff Commander JW Reed Navg Lieuts TH Tizard... Assisted by the Officers of HMS Rifleman 1865-69....* {{ inventory_detail_link('36226') }}

Thomson arrived in the Malay Straits in 1838 and was employed by the East India Survey. In 1841, he was appointed Government Surveyor at Singapore and in 1844, became Superintendent of Roads and Public Works. Thomson was responsible for the design and construction of a number of notable engineering works including bridges, roads, and hospitals. He conducted the allotment survey of Singapore, the topographical survey of the island of Singapore and its dependencies, and the marine survey of the Straits of Singapore and the east coasts of Johore and Penang. His outstanding achievement was the erection of the Horsburgh Lighthouse on Pedra Branca.



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The chart appeared one year prior to the establishment of the Straits Settlements as a separate British Colony on April 1, 1867. With the advent of the steamship in the mid-1860s and the opening of the Suez Canal in 1869, Singapore became a major port of call for ships plying between Europe and East Asia. With the development of rubber planting, especially after the 1870s, it also became the main sorting and export center in the world for rubber. By the end of the 19th Century, Singapore was experiencing unprecedented prosperity, as its international trade expanded dramatically.

The chart extends to Johore, Battam, Bintang, Rempang, Galang, Jombol, Suji, Sanbon and neighboring islands, depicting coastal features, soundings, light houses, sailing directions and a host of other information.

The chart is quite rare on the market. While we locate reference to the chart in the Journal of the Royal Geographical Society in 1868, noting the accession of the chart, we have been unable to locate any surviving examples. While OCLC notes an example at the British Library of the 1866 edition of the map, the on line description references a photo copy of two charts on a single sheet, with the sheet being of a much smaller dimension than offered here.

Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling