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[Sunda and Lilliput, etc. from Gulliver's Travels]

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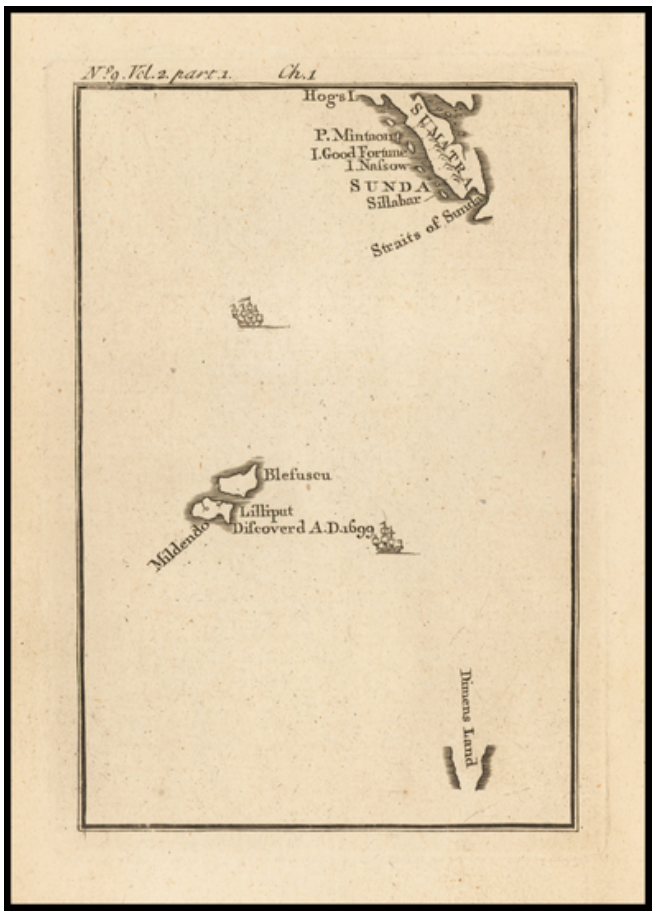
Map Maker: Swift

Date: 1726 (1768)
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 3.5 x 5.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Liliput and Sunda -- From Gulliver's Travels

Lilliput is an island nation to the southwest of Sumatra and the Sunda Straits, discovered in 1699 by Lemuel Gulliver, a surgeon on a merchant ship that was shipwrecked on the island. The inhabitants are less than six inches high, and everything in the country is on a scale of one inch to one foot as compared with what most foreign visitors will be accustomed to. Their houses are four and a half inches high, their fields are no bigger than flower beds and the tallest trees are a mere seven feet high.

The map appeared in *Gulliver's Travels*. The full title is:

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then a Captain of Several Ships. In Four Parts. Part I. A Voyage to Lilliput. Part II. A Voyage to Brobdingnag. Part II. A Voyage to Laputa, Balnibarbi, Luggnagg, Glubbdubrib, and Japan. Part IV. A Voyage to the Country of the Houyhnhnms. London, Printed for C. Bathurst. MDCCLXVIII

Gulliver's Travels is a prose satire by Irish writer and clergyman Jonathan Swift, that is both a satire on human nature and the "travellers' tales" literary subgenre. It is Swift's best known full-length work, and a classic of English literature. He himself claimed that he wrote Gulliver's Travels "to vex the world rather than divert it". The book became popular as soon as it was published. John Gay wrote in a 1726 letter to Swift that "It is universally read, from the cabinet council to the nursery."

Gulliver begins his travels in May of 1699 and travels until December 1715.

The present map appeared in the 1768 edition of the book.

Detailed Condition: