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A Chart of the Indian Sea and Eastern Ocean By Thos. Jefferys Geographer to the King

Stock#: 63695pb
Map Maker: Jefferys
Date: 1780
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 40 x 24 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare separately published map of Australia and the Indian Ocean published Sayer & Bennett in London in 1780.

Rare English sea chart, which appeared in the first edition of the *'East-India Pilot, or Oriental Navigator,'* a landmark in the history of British Sea Atlases of East Asia. The sea chart incorporates the work of the latest map makers such as Alexander Dalrymple and d'Apres de Manneville. Examples of the atlas extremely rare and when seen are usually black and white; this example is in magnificent early wash colour and printed on superb thick paper.

The map takes in not only the whole Indian Ocean but extends from Korea and Japan in the north, south to include the whole of Australia. The latter still too early to depict Bass Strait with 'Tasmania' but does record Captain James Cook's arrival there in 1770. 'Great Bay' notes Botany Bay. Although many errors were perpetuated here. To the north 'New Guinea' and 'Papua' are illustrated as two independent islands. Despite this error it is the first map to name the Torres Strait.

Australian Cartography

The map illustrates Australia following the explorations of Captain James Cook in the region, but prior the arrival of the First Fleet, which placed a colony in the Botany Bay area in January 1788 and prior to Matthew Flinders' discovery of Bass Strait, separating Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania) from the mainland of Australia a decade later.

The map shows the "Gulf of Corea"

Rarity



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A very fine example of a chart we are unable to trace a record of on the market for since 1988. The National Library of Australia only holds 1/2 of this important map.

Provenance: Susanna Fisher, 1988; private English collection (Reeman Dansie Sale 2019). Owned jointly with Clive A. Burden Ltd.

Detailed Condition:

Superb full original wash color.