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A General Chart of the China Sea, Drawn from the Journals of the European Navigators, particularly from those Collected by Capt. Hayter. Ascertained by Astronomical Observations.

Stock#: 64740
Map Maker: Sayer
Date: 1778
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 24 x 32 inches
Price: \$4,800.00



Description:

Stunning Original Hand-Color.

Rare English sea chart of the South China Sea, published in London by Robert Sayer for an early edition of his *The Oriental pilot, or, A select collection of charts and plans ... for the navigation of the country trade in the seas beyond the Cape of Good Hope.*

The map stretches from Taiwan and Canton in the north to Luzon in the east and Singapore in the southwest. Sayer includes dozens of soundings throughout the coverage of the chart.

Sayer's *Oriental Pilots* and their successor books were rare, prized things in their day; they were specially



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made, cutting-edge tools used exclusively by those actually sailing to the east. The books remain rare today, with later editions typically selling for around \$100,000 or more. We cannot trace an early edition of the book, such as the edition that this map would have been included in.

In Laurie & Whittle *East India Pilots*, the present chart would be replaced with this one: <https://www.raremaps.com/gallery/detail/36599>

The chart was largely based on a map by d'Après de Manneville (dedicated to Alexander Dalrymple) which was titled *A Chart of the China Sea...*

Captain Hayter named in the title was evidently Captain George Hayter of the East India Company Ship *York*. The *York* was in Chinese waters frequently between 1741 and 1786. Hayter's name is on other contemporary charts of the area, such as "A Chart of the China Sea from the Island of Sancian to Pedra Branca... from a Portuguese draught communicated by Captain Hayter..."

Rarity

No similarly-colored copy of the map has been on the market since Susanna Fisher's 1988 *Charts 56* catalog - this is the same example that was offered there.

Detailed Condition:

Full original hand-color. Trimmed inside the platemark on the lower-left edge, just shaving the printed number.