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Asiatic Archipelago [Early Singapore Inset]

Stock#: 64855
Map Maker: Arrowsmith
Date: 1848
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 23.5 x 18.5 inches
Price: \$ 750.00



Description:

Nice example of John Arrowsmith's antique engraved map of the Asiatic Archipelago, including a large inset map of Singapore.

Centered on the Philippines and Borneo, the map shows a number of different seasonal passages through the region to Hong Kong and Macao.

The map comes shortly after the conclusion of the Opium Wars, at a time when trade with Hong Kong and Singapore was growing at a tremendous rate.

The inset of Singapore is accompanied by a lengthy annotation, describing "Singapore being granted to the British by the Sultan of Jehor on 1819 . . . as well as the Seas, Straits, and Islands lying within 10 miles of its coasts", and concluding with the observation that "The chief importance of Singapore is as a commercial emporium."

A second inset shows Labuan Island, as surveyed by Edward Belcher and D. M. Gordon. Above Labuan is a note describing the volcanic eruption of Tambora. The 1815 eruption of Mount Tambora was one of the most powerful in recorded history.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color in outline.