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A Plan of the Town & Fortress of Garlah belonging to Angria the Admiral to the Sahou Rajah on the Coast of Mallabar.

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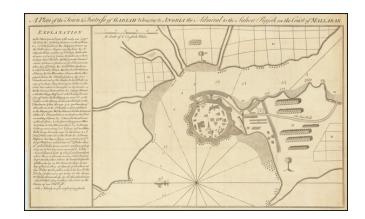
Map Maker: Gentleman's Magazine

Date: 1756
Place: London
Color: Uncolored

Condition: VG

Size: 17.5 x 10.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

This is a great map of Vijaydurg Fort in western India, two hundred miles north of Vasco de Gama. The map is well detailed, providing an extensive look at a small part of coastal India.

Popular interest in the map would have resulted from the 1756 Battle of Vijaydurg, then known as the Capture of Gheria in England. This was a major victory for British aggression in the region and marked the end of the Maratha Navy as the supreme naval power in the Indian Ocean. The base was believed to have been commanded by the pirate Tulagee Angria who operated throughout the Malabar coast and frequently plundered East India Company ships, though this version of events appears heavily influenced by British retellings.

Rumors about the fort abound. A supposed lost quarter-kilometer long undersea tunnel connects the town to the village. An undersea wall was meant to have caused the destruction of many undersea ships. The false walls of the fort, possibly shown on this map, are meant to have sidetracked any would-be assailants. The map includes an extensive description of some features of the fort.

Detailed Condition: