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Charte von Ost Indien Diesseits und Jenseits des Ganges nach den neuesten astronom. Beobachtungen und andern Sichern Hulfsmitteln neu entworfen und berichtet auf der Sternwarte Seeberg bey Gotha . . . 1804

Stock#: 75870
Map Maker: Reinecke
Date: 1804
Place: Weimar
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 33.5 x 18.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine, Rare German Map of South and Southeast Asia

Sharply-executed map of the Indian Ocean and Western Pacific regions, encompassing the Indian subcontinent, Mainland Southeast Asia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Moluccas, and the Philippines.

The map is subdivided into political units, including Bengal, Siam, Cambodia and others. The landmasses are finely-drawn, with the exception of the Maldives, which are greatly exaggerated in size and number.

Islands are ringed by a series of lines, suggesting depth, but, in reality, they are a decorative embellishment. The scale, at lower right, contains five bars, which offer scales in German and English, but also Indian and Chinese measurements.

The title, in a simple oval in the eastern Indian Ocean, explains that this map was drawn according to the latest observations and designed at the Seeberg Observatory in Gotha, Germany. First planned in 1797, by 1800, when this map was made, the observatory was already an internationally-renowned center of study. It was considered ultra-modern based on its state-of-the-art instruments, which had been acquired in London and, later, Munich. This was likely one of the first maps produced from the observatory's researchers.

Rarity

The map was issued in 1800 and 1804, both of which are quite rare.



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Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling in top margin, just affecting printed image.