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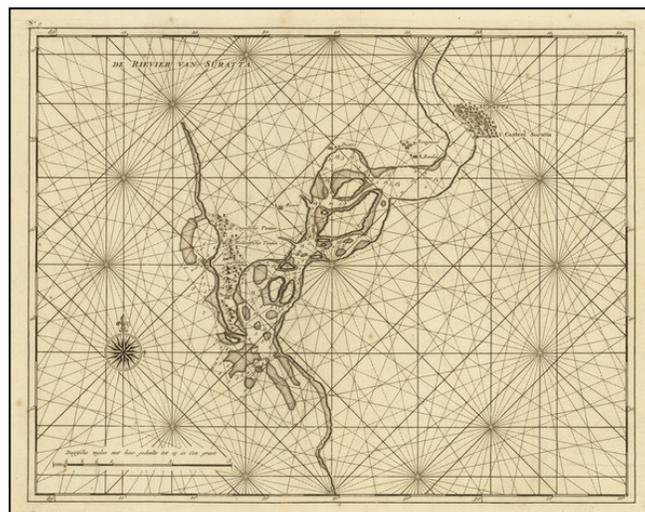
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[Surat / Hazira / Tapi River] De Rievier van Suratta

Stock#: 76853
Map Maker: Valentijn
Date: 1724
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 15 x 11.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Surat, Hazira and the Mouth of the Tapi River

Sea chart style map showing the lower Tapi River, including the area around Hazira and Surat, on the Gulf of Khambat, published by Francois Valentijn.

The chart shows Surat, then partially surrounded by a wall and the Casteel Suratta or Surat Castle (built 1546) with its fortress overlooking the river. Includes numerous depth soundings and great detail on sand banks in the Tapi River. The topographical and navigational information in the area around Hazira is very detailed.

Oud en Nieuw Oost-Indien

After spending sixteen years in the East Indies over the course of several voyages, Valentijn returned to his native Dordrecht. There, he finished his history of the East Indies, *Oud en Nieuw Oost-Indien*. The book was divided in five parts spread over eight volumes. It had over a thousand illustrations, including some of the most accurate maps of the region published to that date.

For the text, Valentijn borrowed heavily from contemporary works. To create such detailed maps and descriptions, Valentijn most likely also had access to the VOC's archives. These archives were closely watched and very few scholars or officials gained entry, particularly if they were likely to publish the contents of the repository. Indeed, Valentijn was lucky to see his work published at all.



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Today, Valentijn's work is regarded as a veritable encyclopedia on maritime Asia. It is considered a useful collection of sources, from the eighteenth century and earlier, drawn from the VOC and personal papers. Some of his maps, particularly those of Australia, are drawn from manuscript sources now lost, making his history the lone surviving record of endangered knowledge.

This chart shows one of the world's most important features, the Cape of Good Hope, in detail. It was featured in an important publication chronicling the Dutch in the East Indies. It would be an advantageous addition to any collection of Cape of Good Hope, South Africa, or Dutch charts and maps.

Detailed Condition: