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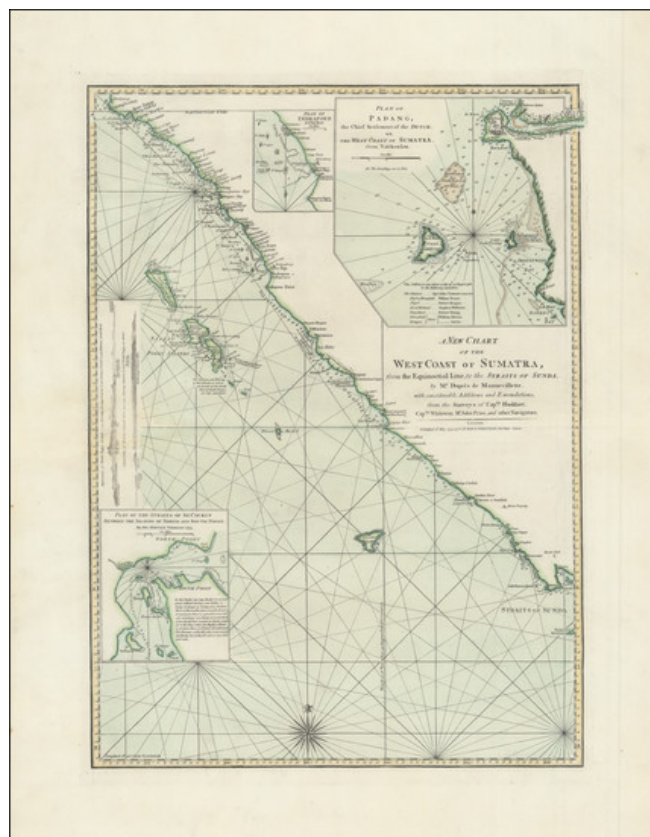
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A New Chart of the West Coast of Sumatra, from the Equinoctial Line to the Straits of Sunda

Stock#: 94351
Map Maker: Laurie & Whittle
Date: 1794
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.25 x 26.5 inches
Price: \$ 950.00



Description:

A New Chart of the West Coast of Sumatra, published by Laurie & Whittle in 1794, provides a comprehensive look at the western coastal geography of this large Indonesian island from the Equator to the Straits of Sunda. Enhanced with significant additions and revisions drawn from the surveys of Captain Huddart, Captain Whiteway, and Mr. John Price among other navigators, this chart was a pivotal resource for sailors navigating these waters in the late 18th century.

This intricate chart features several inset maps, adding further detail to key locations. Notably, a plan of Padang, the primary Dutch settlement on the west coast of Sumatra, is included. This detail, borrowed from Van Keulen, allows viewers to gain a closer look at the colonial influence and infrastructural layout in this area.

Another inset is the detailed plan of Indrapour by J. Van Hout, offering a more localized view of this



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particular region. The third inset depicts the Straits of Se Cockup, situated between the islands of North and South Pogy, based on the survey by Joseph Mascall, a volunteer in 1773. This inset not only maps the straits but also provides navigational advice for sailors, pointing out the best places to anchor without causing damage to cables or anchors. It also advises on the locations for freshwater and the presence of strong currents. It informs sailors about the rocky and narrow entrance on the northeast side, and the clear, wide entrance on the southeast side.

This chart, like other maritime charts of the time, was not only a navigational tool, but also an informational document. It combines geographical details with practical sailing advice, serving as a comprehensive guide for seafarers. It encapsulates a snapshot of the maritime knowledge of the time and reflects the interactions between European colonizers and the geography of foreign lands like Sumatra.

Detailed Condition:

Expert restoration at the left side of the central horizontal fold.