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A New Chart of The Java Sea, within the Isles of Sunda with its Straits and the Adjacent Seas . . . 1799

Stock#: 94354
Map Maker: Whittle & Laurie
Date: 1799
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 33 x 23 inches
Price: \$ 1,400.00



Description:

A New Chart of The Java Sea, within the Isles of Sunda with its Straits and the Adjacent Seas, produced by Robert Laurie & James Whittle in 1799, illustrates the region extending from the southern part of Borneo, Sumatra and Pulau Bangka to Java, Bali, and the islands to the east. This detailed sea chart exemplifies the high navigational precision characteristic of Laurie & Whittle's charts, and represents an essential navigational tool for mariners navigating these waters at the end of the 18th century.

The chart exhibits a variety of pertinent maritime information, including sailing directions, soundings, and valuable notes for sailors. The annotated paths of the British *Portobello* Sloop in 1755, the French ship *Mascarin* in April 1772, Warren Hastings in 1781 and 1787, and the *Pitt* in 1759, offer an engaging overview of the shipping activity in the region during this period. Furthermore, the inclusion of multiple coastal profile views enhances the chart's practical utility by providing sailors with visual references for approaching different islands.

A prominent inset presents a detailed view of the eastern side of the Isle of Lubeck, adding an additional layer of navigational data to this complex maritime landscape. On land, the chart depicts various indigenous regions within Java, including the Kingdom of Jakarta and the Kingdom of Bantam, providing further context to the region's socio-political fabric during this period.

Also noteworthy is the large extract from *New York's Commercial Advertiser* of June 15, 1799, documenting the unfortunate loss of the American Ship *Ontario*. This account, drawn from the ship's log-book, underscores the dangers inherent in maritime voyages, and further affirms the chart's role as a critical aid for navigating these treacherous waters. In its comprehensive representation of both the



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maritime landscape and historical events, the *A New Chart of The Java Sea* stands as a testament to the vibrant seafaring history of the region.

Detailed Condition:

Small area of expert repaired loss just to the right of the bottom of the vertical centerfold.