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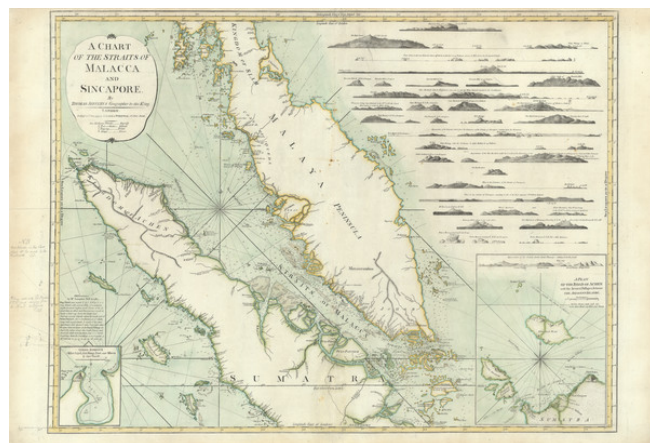
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### A Chart of the Straits of Malacca and Sincapore

**Stock#:** 94355  
**Map Maker:** Jefferys / Laurie & Whittle  
**Date:** 1794  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 32.75 x 24 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

##### *With Early Pencil Corrections.*

"A Chart of the Straits of Malacca and Sincapore" is a richly detailed sea chart prepared by Thomas Jefferys, Geographer to the King, and published by Laurie & Whittle in 1794. This comprehensive chart provided 18th-century navigators with essential details about the Straits of Malacca and Sincapore (Singapore), prominent trade routes linking the Pacific and Indian oceans.

The map features a helpful guide to the Malay terminology, clarifying that "Pulo or Pooloo" stands for an island, "Tanjong" signifies a point, and "Songi" refers to a river. This guide would have been crucial for foreign navigators to understand local toponyms and communicate effectively with the regional communities.

A note in the lower left corner provides navigational "Observations by M. Sampson Hall in 1784" offering additional guidance about the terrain, nearby islands, and depths of certain sea routes. It includes an account of Hall's passage between two round islands near the southern end of Pooloo Baniack.

The map also features two inset charts: "Siddo Harbour Miles S.by E. from Kings Point near Afheen" and "A Plan of the Road of Achen with the Several Passages between the Adjacent Islands".

The chart provides extensive coastal profiles in the upper right corner, aiding mariners in identifying landforms from the sea. Notably, the map shows an impressive amount of detail around "Sincapore" and the "Straits of Sincapore," regions that would later grow into major global shipping hubs. Overall, this chart is a testament to the meticulous nature of 18th-century cartography and its role in facilitating global maritime trade.

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**Detailed Condition:**

Expert restoration of a small area around the bottom of the centerfold. Early pencil amendments to the printed chart in the left blank margin.