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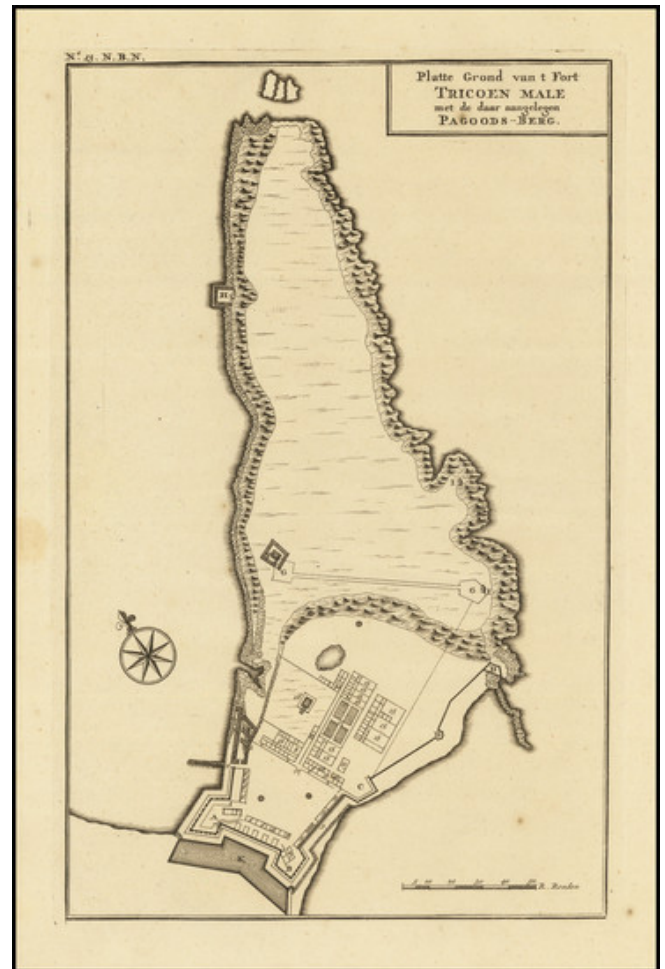
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**(Trincomalee, Sri Lanka) Platte Grond van t'Fort Tricoen male met de daar aangelegen
Pagoods-Berg**

Stock#: 77084
Map Maker: Valentijn
Date: 1724
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 7 x 11 inches
Price: \$ 145.00



Description:

Fort Frederick / Trincomalee

Detailed map showing Fort Frederick and the peninsula it rests on in the northeastern coast of Sri Lanka. This view originally appeared in *Francois Valentyn's Oud en Nieuw Oost Indien* . . .

The fort is shown in detail, with numerous buildings and defenses shown. The map includes a scale bar and a compass rose.

In 1603, the first Dutch fleet arrived at Trincomalee and Batticaloa ports. In 1660, the Dutch built Fort



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Fredrick at the foot of the promontory which they called Pagoda Hill. Another fort was built at the mouth of the harbor, called Fort Ostenburg.

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.

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: