

Engraved chart.

“CINCAPURA AU CINGAPURA”

Le Royaume de Siam avec les Royaumes qui luy sont Tributaires et les Isles de Sumatra Andemaon etc., et les isles voisines sure les observations des Jusuites Envojez par le Roy Louis XIV en Qualite de Ses Mathematiciens dans les Indes et a la Chine, ou l’on voit aus si La Route qu’ils ont tenue par le Destroit de la Sonde Jusqu’a Siam

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Engraved chart.

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450 by 510mm. (17.75 by 20 inches).

Notes
Singapore, as “Cincapura au Cingapura”, appears at the center of this detailed map of Southeast Asia. Showing present-day Thailand, the Malay Peninsula, the Malacca and Singapore Straits, and

the islands of Borneo, Sumatra and Java, with shipping routes from Batavia to Thailand marked.

Published in the fifth volume of the Châtelain family's 'Atlas historique, ou Nouvelle introduction à l'Histoire, à la Chronologie & à la Géographie Ancienne et Moderne…', 1719, which eventually extended to 7 volumes. The Chatelains based their maps on the work of contemporary and earlier cartographers and travel writers, and the current map is based on the Jaillot – Mortier map derived from accounts of the French Jesuit mission to Siam in 1685-86.

Huguenot pastor Henri Abraham Chatelain (1684–1743) was born in Paris, but moved across Europe as religious hostilities increased under Louis XIV. Throughout the early decades of the seventeenth century, Chatelain worked with his father, Zacharie (died 1723), and later his son, also Zacharie (1690–1754), to publish a number of influential maps and books. Chatelain's drafted his own original maps, which conveyed the breadth of his historical and geographical knowledge through their ethnographic, heraldic and cosmographic details.

From 1705 to 1720, the Chatelain family published the monumental 'Atlas historique, ou nouvelle introduction à l'histoire, à la chronologie & à la géographie ancienne et moderne' in seven volumes, which included 285 engraved maps, views, plans, tables, heraldic and genealogical charts. While Henri Chatelain himself was responsible for the plates, the extensive accompanying text was compiled by historian Nicholas Gueudeville-Garillon, and included a supplement by polymath Henri Philippe de Limiers.

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Bibliography

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