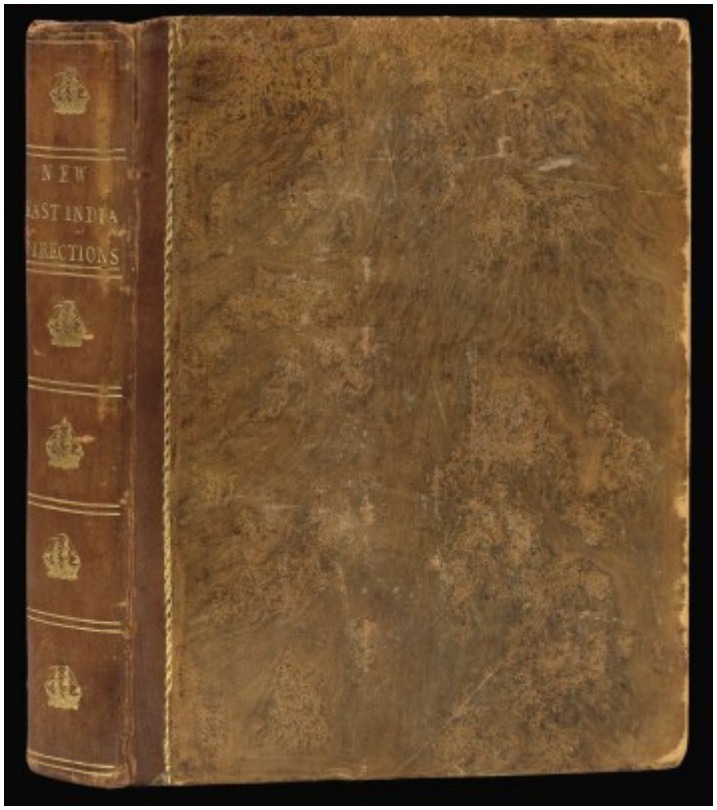


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The title states that the information contained within had been collected "from the manuscripts, journals, memoirs, and observations, of the most experienced officers in the Honourble East India Company's Service, or Commanders of the Ships in the Country Trade; from those of foreign navigators acquainted with the India and East Seas; and from the last edition of the French Neptune Oriental, by Mons. D'Apes de Manvillette". Throughout the work, where possible, Huddart has referenced his sources: of particular note are the entries on Chinese waters by James Horsburgh, these include:

1. Remarks on the Eastern Passage to China from India, through the Straits of Macassar…
2. Instructions for sailing from Batavia through the Straits of Saleyer to Pitt's Straits, and Dampier's Straits.
3. Account of Pitt's Straits, &c.
4. Account of Dampier's Straits.
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