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SHOWING THE ANEMO-HYDROGRAPHY OF THE MONSOONS

A Chart of the Indian Ocean: improved from the chart of M. D'Apres De Manneville; with the addition of a part of the Pacific Ocean, as well as of the Original Tracks of the Principal Discoverers, or other Navigations to India and China: and in which it has been attempted to give a chronological Indication of the Successive Discoveries by L.S. De La Rochette.

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Physical description

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617 by 1154mm (24.25 by 45.5 inches).

Notes

A magnificent chart centred on the Indian Ocean, with insets of: the 'Anemo-hydrography of the monsoons according to Viconte Grenier'; and the 'Southwest Monsoon from the Middle of April to the Middle of October'. The chart incorporates the wilder theories of Alexander Dalrymple, namely that the Portuguese discovered the east coast of Australia, naming 'Costa das Ervas', 'Rio de Muitas' and 'Balra Perdida', and dating the discoveries 1550. The tracks of Vasco da Gama and Thomas Butler are shown, as well as all other major voyages in between.

Of particular interest is De la Rochette's attempt to incorporate Alexander Dalrymple's theory that the Portuguese had sailed down the east coast of Australia in the 1550s. Using a 'Dieppe Map' of the world re-discovered in the British Museum, he argued that 'Java Major' was Australia: here names from that chart ('Costa das Ervas', 'Rio de Muitas' & 'Balra Perdida') have been placed along the coastline with the date 1550.

The mapmaker

Louis Stanislas d'Arcy Delarochette (1731-1802) was a cartographer and engraver working in London, who produced maps for both the Bowles family and William Faden.

Bibliography

Literature: Tooley, 'The Mapping of Australia', 563.

Provenance

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