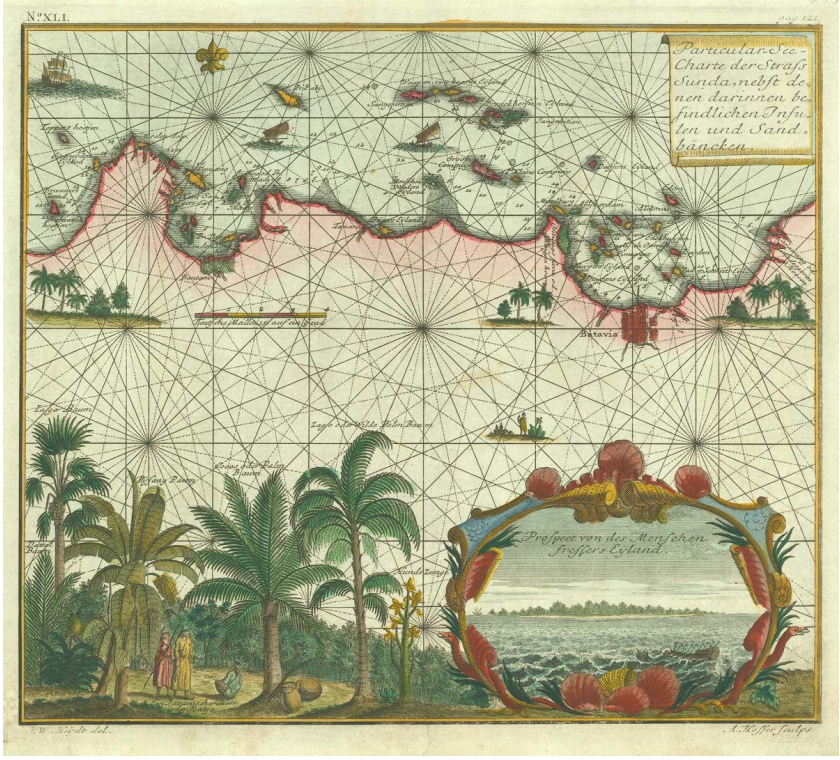
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A scarce sea chart of the approaches to Batavia

HEYDT. Johann Wolfgang.
Particular-See-Charte der Strass Sunda, nebst denen dariennen besindlichen Insulen und Sandbäncken.

Wilhermsdorf: J.C. Tetschner, 1744. Coloured. 240 x 280mm.

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A chart of the Sunda Stait, marking the islands and sandbanks to be avoided when sailing from Europe to Batavia. Underneath the chart are illustrations of different palm trees and a prospect on one of the small islands off the coast of Java. From Johann Wolfgang Heydt's 'Allerneuster geographisch- und topographischer Schau-Platz von Africa und Ost-Indien'. Heydt was a German who joined the VOC (Dutch East India Company) in 1733, leaving for the East that year. He spend over two years in Sri Lanka before moving to Batavia. However he was allowed to resign for health reasons in 1740, after which he returned to Germany. He produced this book four years later, engraving his sketches himself.

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