



Early 18th century map of Indochina

MOLL, Herman.
 The East Part of India or India Beyond the R. Ganges

London, 1717. Coloured. 260 x 185mm.

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A detailed map of the Malaysian peninsula and the Straits of Sincapora. Above the Tropic of Cancer, the mythical lake of Chaamay is shown. "For many years Chiang Mai was a complete blank to the west. The one definite fact, all seem to have agreed, was that there was a great lake 'Chaammy Lake, the famous geographer Herman Moll called it on his c.1700 map of India beyond the Ganges ' from which flowed, so it was thought, several great rivers, amongst them the Irrawaddy. Of course this lake did not exist."

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