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A chart of the lower Hooghly River during the Third Carnatic War

BELLIN, Jacques-Nicolas.
Carte de l'Entrée du Gange Et son Cours jusqu'à Ugli.

Paris, 1764. 230 x 180mm, with good margins.

£75

A chart of the Hooghly River south of Hooghly itself, published the year after the end of the Third Carnatic War (1756-63), the theatre of the Seven Years' War in India. It shows the European settlements, with the English East India Company at Calcutta (Kolkata), the French at Chandannagar and the Dutch at Baranagar & Chinsuah. Chandannagar had been taken by Robert Clive but returned under the Treaty of Paris subject to conditions. Also shown is the fort at 'Tana' (Thana Makhua), built by the Mughals to prevent pirates (and later the Europeans) reaching Hooghly. Destroyed and rebuilt several times, it was last used by Robert Clive during the war; abandoned afterwards, nothing remains. A scarce map, from the only edition of Bellin's atlas, 'Le Petit Atlas Maritime'.

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