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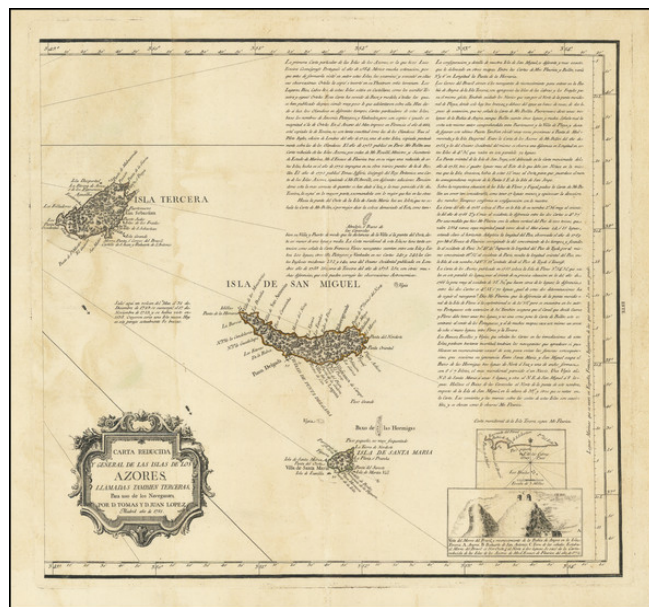
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[Azores] Carta Reducida y General de Las Islas de los Azores . . . 1781 [east sheet]

Stock#: 93245
Map Maker: López
Date: 1781
Place: Madrid
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 16 x 14.5 inches
Price: \$ 475.00



Description:

Good example of the Eastern half of Tomás Lopez's "Carta Reducida y General de Las Islas de los Azores" (Reduced and General Map of the Azores Islands) from 1781

The work is an important representative of the high-quality Spanish cartography of the late 18th century, combining both artistic representation and the scientific rigor of its time.

The map is drawn at a relatively large scale, with the different islands of the Azores clearly defined and precisely delineated. Topographical features such as mountain ranges, valleys, and volcanic craters are intricately drawn, demonstrating the cartographer's attention to detail. The map also includes detailed hydrographic information, depicting coastlines, harbors, anchorages, and seabed depths.

One of the striking features of this map is its extensive accompanying text, providing a detailed history of the mapping of the Azores. This narrative traces the cartographic developments back to the chart created by Portuguese mapmaker Luis Teixeira in 1584. The inclusion of this historical context reveals Lopez's dedication not only to the craft of map-making but also to the preservation and communication of the history of cartography.

Overall, Lopez's map of the Azores serves not only as a navigational tool but also as a historical document, a work of art, and a testament to the cartographic knowledge and skills of the late 18th century.



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Detailed Condition:

Minor dampstaining.