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Plan de la Baye De Pensacola . . . 1744

Stock#: 18316
Map Maker: Bellin
Date: 1744
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 11.5 x 8 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the earliest obtainable harbor plans of Pensacola Harbor.

Bellin's chart of the harbor shows the locations of forts St. Charles and St. Rose, as well as soundings and anchorages. The map was prepared in connection with the official report of Pierre Francois Xavier de Charlevoix (1682-1761). He was shipwrecked near Pensacola on his way to New Orleans and undoubtedly prepared the map during his time in the Bay.

In 1720 the Duke of Orleans sent the Jesuit scholar and explorer Pierre François-Xavier de Charlevoix to America to record events in New France and Louisiana and determine the best route to the Pacific Ocean. Charlevoix gathered geographic information from fur traders in Quebec and traveled through the Great Lakes and down the Mississippi River. After he returned to France, Charlevoix published his views on North America in his *Histoire et description générale de la Nouvelle France*, which has become one of the most important works on North America during the period prior to the French & Indian (Seven Years) War.

Thomas Jefferson owned a copy of Charlevoix's *Histoire et description générale* and recommended it, along with the accounts of Hennepin and Lahontan, as a "particularly useful species of reading." He referred to Charlevoix's book as he developed his own ideas of Louisiana and the Northwest.

Detailed Condition: