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A New and Accurate Map of East and West Florida, Drawn from the best Authorities

Stock#: 55768
Map Maker: London Magazine
Date: 1765
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 9 x 7 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the Few Maps Showing East & West Florida During the British Colonial Period

A highly detailed representation of Archipelagic Florida divided into East and West Florida.

One of the earliest maps to focus on what would become the State of Florida and an excellent example of Florida depicted as an Archipelago, showing Southern Florida as a group of about 50 massive islands and a number of wide navigable water routes from the Gulf to the Atlantic.

The map is rich with place names and other early details. One of the most detailed maps of Florida for the period and one of the most curious.

British East and West Florida

Under the terms of the 1763 Treaty of Paris, which ended the Seven Years' War (the French and Indian War), Spain ceded Spanish Florida to Britain. At the same time, Britain received all of French Louisiana east of the Mississippi River, with the exception of New Orleans, from France. Determining the new territory too large to administer as one unit, Britain divided its new southeastern acquisitions into two new colonies separated by the Apalachicola River: East Florida, with its capital in the old Spanish city of St. Augustine, and West Florida, with its capital at Pensacola.

British West Florida comprised parts of the modern U.S. states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. Effective British control ended in 1781 when Spain captured Pensacola. The territory



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subsequently became a colony of Spain, parts of which were gradually annexed piecemeal by the United States beginning in 1810.

The settlement of East Florida was heavily linked in London with the same interests that controlled Nova Scotia. The East Florida Society of London and the Nova Scotia Society of London had many overlapping members, and Council frequently followed their suggestions on the granting of lands to powerful merchant interests in London.

Both Floridas remained loyal to Great Britain during the American War of Independence. Spain participated indirectly in the war as an ally of France and captured Pensacola from the British in 1781. In the 1783 Treaty of Paris, which ended the war, the British ceded both Floridas to Spain.

Detailed Condition:

Left margin added, with a tiny bit of restoration.