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The Coast of Guyana From the Oroonoko to the River of Amazons and The Inland Parts as far as they have been Explored by the French & Dutch Engineers with the Islands of Barbadoes Tobagbo &ca. From the Observations of Captain Edward Thompson . . . MDCCLXXXIII

Stock#: 42155
Map Maker: Faden
Date: 1783
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 27.5 x 20.5 inches
Price: \$ 275.00



Description:

Scarce map of Guyana and contiguous regions, including insets of the Berbice River, Surinam River, Cayene and the entrance to the Essequibo and Demerari Rivers, along with a number of inset views.

This variant edition notes that it is "Approved by the Chart Committee of the Admiralty."

Fine coastal chart of Guyana, with descriptions on how best to navigate along the coastal regions. Includes a note on how the sea changes color as progress is made away from the coast "the Water Changes to a Dirty White growing Browner and Thicker as you stand in".

Captain Edward Thompson was sent to Guyana to take control of the colonies of Demerara and Essequibo, after the English had taken the Colonies from the Dutch. After preparing as much of the defenses as he could with the resources at hand, he sailed back to England to protect a convoy of English merchants. However, while he was gone a French squadron captured the colonies, so he was subjected to a court martial for leaving his post without orders. In April 1782, Thompson was acquitted.

This map is dedicated to the Merchants of Barbadoes and Guyana.

Detailed Condition:



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Minor offsetting.