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Port Royal in South Carolina Taken from Surveys Deposited at the Plantation Office

Stock#: 0009jh
Map Maker: Des Barres
Date: 1777
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 32.5 x 24 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of Des Barres Plan of Port Royal and environs, from his monumental *Atlantic Neptune*.

The map extends from area around Beaufort in the North to Dawfoskey Island and Trench's Island, centered on Arry's Island and Hilton Head. Executed during the American Revolution, Des Barres chart delineate not only topographical details and navigational details, but also record critical historical episodes, including the events leading to the surrender of Charleston, South Carolina. The map highlights the terrain and harbor of Port Royal, near the present-day border between South Carolina and Georgia.

This fine chart appeared in the *Atlantic Neptune* by Captain Joseph Frederick Wallet des Barres. The *Atlantic Neptune* was remarkable, multi-volume set of sea charts and coastal views prepared from surveys by Samuel Holland, Thomas Hurd, and Charles Blaskowitz. The maps were prepared under the supervision of Des Barres and employed as many as twenty engravers and assistants. The *Atlantic Neptune* is one of



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the finest large scale sea atlases of the U.S. and Canadian Atlantic coast line ever produced. The maps in the atlas were produced over six year period (1775-81), and are well known for their accurate portrayal of various sounds, bays, bars, and harbors as well as navigational hazards. The atlas was used extensively by the Royal Navy during the American Revolution.

The narrow top and bottom margin appears to be the norm, as all copies we inspected on line, including the National Maritime Museum Copy, are trimmed into the image at the top and have little if any bottom margin. <http://www.nmm.ac.uk/collections/displayRepro.cfm?reproID=K0402&picture=0#content>

Detailed Condition:

Narrow lower margin, with a bit of loss of neat line at the lower left corner. Trimmed at the top margin, as is normally the case.