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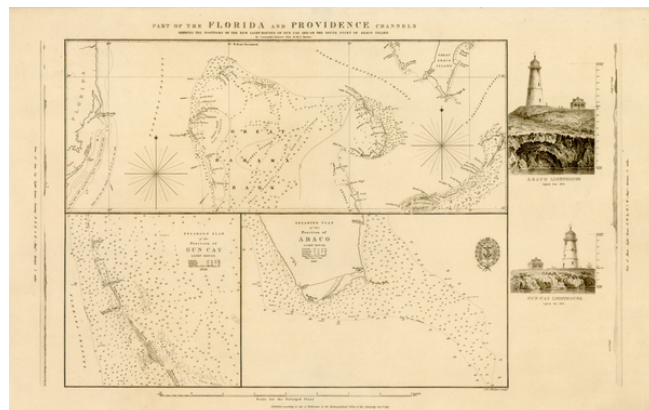
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Part of the Florida and Providence Channels Shewing The Positions of the New Light Houses on Gun Cay and on the South Point of Abaco Island [Cay Biscayne & Cape Florida Lighthouse!]

Stock#: 19065
Map Maker: British Admiralty
Date: 1836
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 17 x 12 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare early set of 3 charts of Florida the tip of Southeastern Florida (Miami, Key Biscayne, Fort Lauderdale area) and the Bahamas. While primarily focused on the Bahamas, the map is also a rare and interesting map for its treatment of South Florida.

The general map shows the area around Key Biscayne, Miami, Fort Lauderdale and the Cape Florida Lighthouse on a larger map extending to Abaco Cay, Eleuthra and New Providence, along with detailed maps showing the regions around the Gun Cay and Abaco Lighthouses, with illustrations of the profiles of both lighthouses.

The Cape Florida Lighthouse was built in 1825. It is the oldest building in South Florida. During the Second Seminole War (1835-8142), the Lighthouse was attacked in July 1836, causing the settlers in the region to flee to the south. On July 23, 1836, the lighthouse was severely burned, although the assistant lighthouse keeper survived and was rescued by a Navy Schooner. The lighthouse remained out of service until April 30, 1847. It operated again until 1861, when it was looted and partially destroyed by Confederate sympathizers. Ironically, the present map was published in September 1836, shortly after the destruction of the lighthouse.

The map is part of an extensive mapping of the area of Florida and the Bahamas undertaken by the British Admiralty at the beginning of the 19th Century, which truly began to flourish by the 1830s, as the region became an important part of the British Trade in the region. At the height of this region, indigenous products and slaves were extensively traded by the British and Americans, making the British outposts in the Bahamas an essential link for British commerce and spurring the need for highly detailed maps of the



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Detailed Condition: