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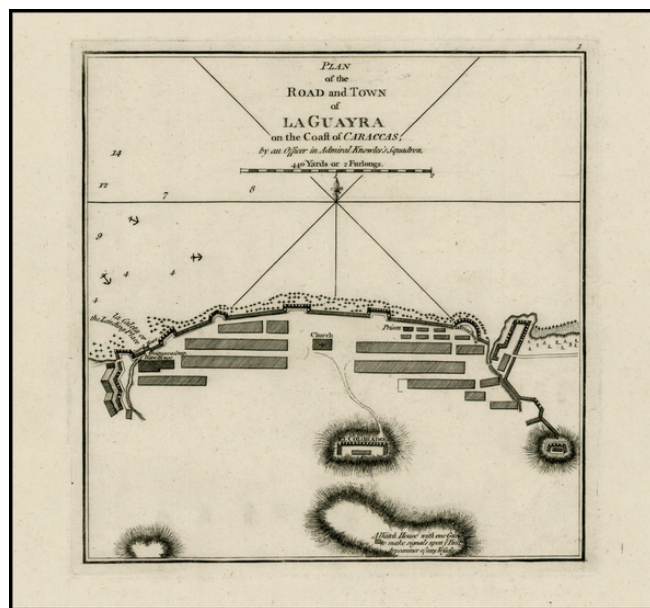
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Plan of the Road and Town of La Guayra on the Coast of Caraccas, by and Officer in Admiral Knowles's Squadron

Stock#: 26542
Map Maker: Jefferys
Date: 1794
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 10.5 x 7.5 inches
Price: \$ 225.00



Description:

Rare plan of the harbor and town of Guayra in Venezuela, published by Laurie & Whittle.

The plan shows soundings, "the Landing Place" a Warehouse, Church, prison, walled fortifications, the watch house, and other details. The map was the site of the Battle of La Guaira or La Guayra, fought in March 1743, in the Caribbean, off the coast of La Guaira, Venezuela. A British expeditionary fleet under Sir Charles Knowles was defeated, and the expedition ended in failure. It is believed that Knowles underestimated the defenses of La Guaira, assuming the harbor to be less well defended than Cartagena de Indias had been. He arrived at La Tortuga island on February 27, 1743. It is believed that the Spaniards had two months warning of the attack and were well prepared for the defense.

Detailed Condition: