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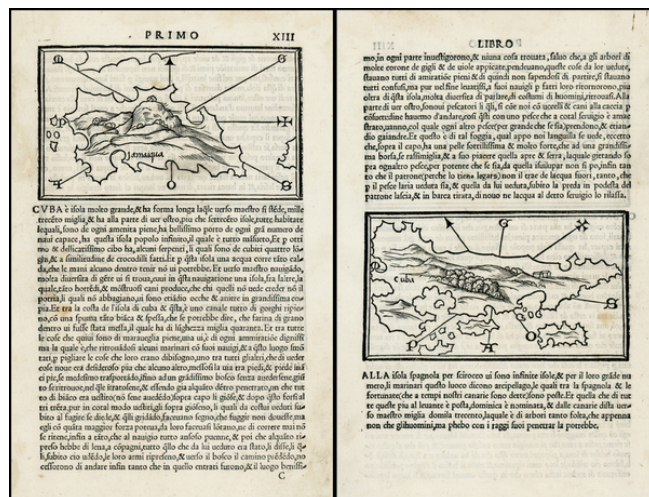
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Jamaica [and] Cuba

Stock#: 26629
Map Maker: Bordone
Date: 1528
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 6 x 3.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of the first separate printed maps of Jamaica and Cuba, with text, from Benedetto Bordone's *Isolario*, first published in 1528.

As noted by Thomas Suarez:

Bordone follows closely the model for Cuba established by Waldseemüller on his large world map of 1507 and the Terre Nove from his atlas of 1513. There is a primitive representation of Batabano and Guacanayabo Gulfs. The fat western end of the island probably results from the fact Waldseemüller's model may have originated in a configuration which connected Cuba to the (Asian) mainland. For as crude as this delineation is, it is more remarkable at this early date that it is not altogether arbitrary.

Benedetto Bordone (1460-1531) was a manuscript editor, miniaturist and cartographer, from Padua, in the Republic of Venice.

His most famous work is the *Isolario* (*The Book of Islands*, "where we discuss about all islands of the world, with their ancient and modern names, histories, tales and way of living...") in which he describes all the islands of the known world with their folklore, myths, cultures, climates, situations, and history. It is intended as an illustrated guide for sailors and attempts to include all the new transatlantic discoveries.

Detailed Condition: