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Antigua Surveyed by Robert Baker. Surveyor General of that Island. Engraved and Improved by Thomas Jefferys, Geographer to the King . . . 1794

Stock#: 28149
Map Maker: Laurie & Whittle
Date: 1794
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 24.5 x 18 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine full color example of Thomas Jefferys' map of Antigua, from *The West-India Atlas*.

The map is reduced from the 4-sheet map by Robert Baker and includes an inset of English harbor and a profile at the bottom of the map. The sizes of the various parishes are shown in the upper left corner.

Jefferys map is one of the earliest separately issued maps of the island and among earliest obtainable large format maps to focus on the region.

In describing the West India Atlas, Rumsey notes:

This is a superb atlas of the West Indies and a companion atlas to Jeffery's American Atlas also first issued in 1775. The latest date on the charts in this copy is 1788 (The Cape Verd Islands). . . . Jefferys died in 1771; Sayer and Bennet acquired his materials in preparation for this atlas, and published the atlas posthumously under his name (as they did with the American Atlas) in 1775. The heart of this atlas and the most detailed part is the sixteen sheet large chart and index sheet of the whole of the West Indies. The rest of the atlas consists of charts of the Atlantic Islands and the British Channel, as well as individual maps and charts of seventeen islands in the West Indies. . . . Phillips shows issues of 1775, 1781, 1787, 1794, 1796, 1807, and 1818. With the 1794 and later editions, 20 maps are added of various additional islands. Sayer and Bennet also published in 1775 a smaller version of this atlas called "The West India Islands: From Actual Survey and Observations..." that consisted of the same text, a general chart of the Islands, and the same sixteen or seventeen (depending on the edition) charts of the islands that appear in



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*the larger version (P3942). Finally, Jefferys himself published in 1762 "A Description of the Spanish
Islands and Settlements on the Coast of the West Indies" which was issued in quarto, with a general chart
and 32 maps and plans of harbors and towns . . .*

Detailed Condition: