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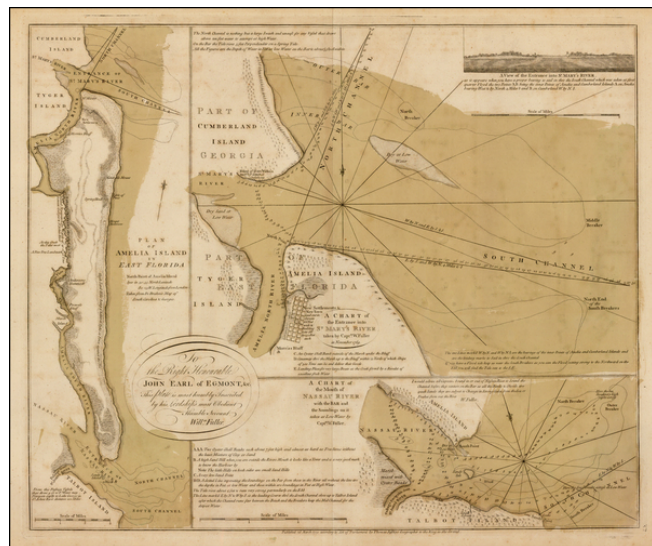
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[Florida/Georgia -- Mouth of St. Mary's River] Plan of Amelia Island In East Florida; A Chart of The Entrance Into St. Mary's River; A Chart of The Mouth of Nassau Rivers. By Captain William Fuller. 1770

Stock#: 40410
Map Maker: Jefferys
Date: 1770
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 24 x 20 inches
Price: \$ 4,500.00



Description:

A fine chart containing the soundings and navigational information surrounding Amelia Island and the mouths of the Nassau and St. Mary's rivers in Florida.

The natural deep harbor on the north end of Amelia Island was an important anchorage for all kinds of sailing vessels including smugglers, pirates, and slave ships. The two charts on the right were made from surveys of Captain William Fuller. The plan of Amelia Island is noted as being taken from William De Brahm's monumental large format map of South Carolina & Georgia, published in 1757. A prospective view of the entrance to St. Mary's River is inset at upper right. Dedicated to the Right Honorable John Earl of Egmont.

The largest map, *A Chart of the Entrance into St. Mary's River*, features the northern end of the island and the waterway that runs in between it and Cumberland Island, Georgia. The plan notes numerous depth soundings and the locations of the shifting shoals that posed a great threat to mariners. The map also illustrates the "New Settlement," with its ordered grid of streets planned by the British, shown near the northern tip of Amelia Island.

Across the river on Cumberland Island, the outlines of the abandoned Fort William are depicted. Founded in the 1740s by Georgia Governor James Oglethorpe, the Fort was built to guard the southern approaches of the colony from the Spaniards, who were based in nearby St. Augustine. This map also features a fine



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navigator's view of the entrance of the river, in the upper right corner. The map below, *A Chart of the Mouth of the Nassau River*, shows a significant amount of hydrographical information, along with sailing instructions for mariners. The Chart shows the waterway that runs past the southern tip of Amelia Island, in between it and Talbot Island. It is today the location of the main shipping lane leading into the port of Jacksonville.

Detailed Condition:

Nice original hand-color. Minor foxing.