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A New Chart of the West Indian Islands, as they are Possessed By The European Powers; Drawn from the most Recent Authorities . . . 1778

Stock#: 46358
Map Maker: Sayer & Bennett
Date: 1778
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 23.5 x 19.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare 18th Century English Chart of South Florida and the Caribbean

Extremely rare separately issued chart of South Florida, the Caribbean and parts of Central and South America, published by Sayer & Bennett.

The map provides a fine treatment of South Florida, the Gulf of Florida, the Bahamas, Virgin Islands and the rest of the Caribbean.

Philips' List of Maps of America in the Library of Congress shows this as a separately issued folding map (p. 1057). The chart also likely appeared in the first edition of Sayer & Bennett's chart book: *The West India Islands: from Actual Surveys and Observations. In Seventeen Correct Maps. . .* This work is not to be confused with the *West India Atlas*. It was first issued circa 1775, with later recorded states of 1795 and 1798 (by Laurie & Whittle).

Rarity

The first edition is apparently very rare. We find no examples in any dealer catalogs or auction records.

We note only the examples in the John Carter Brown Library, the Library of Congress (Elihu Root Collection of United States Documents), and the Newberry Library (bound into the *Neptune Occidental*),



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We note also a later edition bound in the collection of the Danish National Library, bound into a *Pilot for the West Indies*, which is dated 1789.

Detailed Condition:

Minor repair at centerfold, just entering printed image.