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Kaart van geheel Guajana of de Wilden -Kust. [and] Het Eiland Kurassau. [and] De Haven en 't Kasteel van Kurassau [and] Kaart van de Volksplanting aan Demerary en Rio d'Essequebo.

Stock#: 47457
Map Maker: Tirion
Date: 1765
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 16 x 13 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A fine example of Isaak Tirion's maps covering the Dutch colonies on the north coast of South America, including Curacao and Willemstad, together four hand-colored engraved maps on one sheet.

While the Dutch made concerted efforts to establish colonies on the Essequibo River and elsewhere on the mainland, Curacao proved a more enduring project. The island was well positioned for trading, and it lacked many of the harsh conditions of the continent.

Curacao has a fascinating history; it was actively colonized by the Dutch starting in 1634. Along with the Dutch came a large contingent of Sephardic Jews who contributed substantially to the island's culture and economy. Indeed, Curacao has the oldest active Jewish congregation in the Americas, dating back to 1651. The Curacao synagogue is the oldest in continuous use in America, having first opened in 1732 on the site of a previous synagogue.

Isaak Tirion (1705-1765) was an 18th century Amsterdam map publisher.

Detailed Condition: