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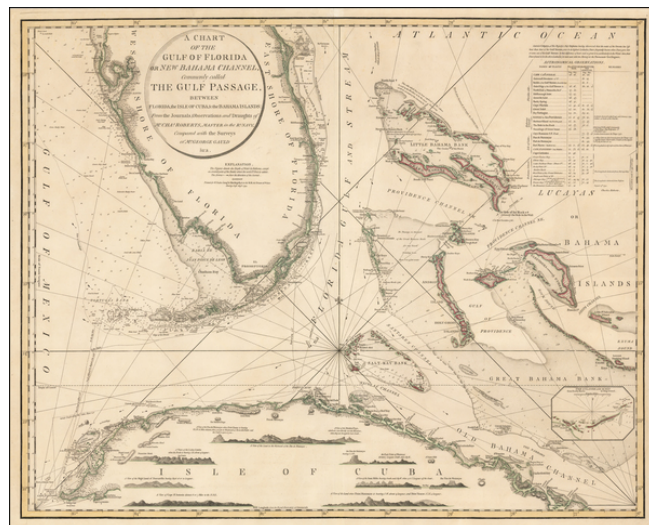
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A Chart of the Gulf of Florida or New Bahama Channel, Commonly called The Gulf Passage, Between Florida, the Isle of Cuba, &c. the Bahama Islands: From the Journals . . . of Mr. Chas. Roberts . . . Compared with the Surveys of Mr. George Gauld . . . 1794

Stock#: 50352
Map Maker: Faden / Gauld
Date: 1794
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 30 x 25 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

George Gauld's Map of South Florida, the Bahamas and north coast of Cuba.

Rare sea chart of South Florida, the Florida Keys, the Bahamas and part of Cuba, based upon the Surveys of Charles Roberts and George Gauld.

Faden's map is the only realistically obtainable example of the masterwork of George Gauld during the period immediately prior to the Revolution.

The map depicts the meticulous observations made by Gauld, including not just topographical features but also water currents and the routes of the British and Spanish ships plying these waters. His treatment of Florida, the Florida Keys and the Bahamas was the most detailed and accurate charting of the region to date, with his maps still in circulation until the mid 19th Century.

Following the French & Indian War, George Gauld, a Scottish surveyor, was assigned the task of charting the waters off the Gulf Coast of West Florida. Between 1764 and 1781 Gauld mapped an area that extended from New Orleans to the western coast of modern-day Florida. Recognizing the importance of his work to all those who traveled in the area, Gauld readily shared his work with scientific societies in America, including the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia.



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During the Revolutionary War, Gauld was forced to suspend his work in the Dry Tortugas and Florida Keys due to attacks by American privateers, and in 1781, Gauld was taken prisoner at the Siege of Pensacola. He was subsequently taken to Havana and then New York, before being repatriated to England, where he died shortly afterwards.

Gauld's charts were published posthumously by Faden and later by the Admiralty in very limited numbers. The results of his surveys were not published until the year 1790.

Detailed Condition: