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A New and Correct Chart of the Trading Part of the West Indies Sold by I. Mount & T. Page . . .

Stock#: 53960
Map Maker: Mount & Page
Date: 1730 circa
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 31 x 19 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

From The English Pilot Fourth Book -- The Most Important English Commercial Sea Atlas of the 18th Century

Nice example of Mount & Page's map of the Gulf Coast, Florida and part of the Caribbean.

Florida is shown as a dramatic archipelago, with a relatively rudimentary understanding of the Gulf Coast and the mouth of the River Mississippi. Issued at a time when the French and English were actively colonizing North America and the battle for supremacy in the Gulf Coast following King Phillip's War was active and the Spanish interests in the region were waning.

The map appeared in Mount & Page's *English Pilot Fourth Book*. The *English Pilot* was the primary English Commercial Sea Atlas published in the 18th century, far eclipsing all other sea atlases published in England. In America, its primary competitor was Van Keulen's *Zee-Fakkel*, but by the middle of the 18th century, the *English Pilot* had become far and away the dominant work relied upon by commercial mariners plying the American waters.

A comparison of this map to the example dated 1722 and illustrated in *Flags along the Coast* suggest that this map may predate the example illustrated, as there are considerably fewer soundings and other details are more primitive than the 1722 edition illustrated. Interesting archipelagic Florida, and a number of shoals shown which do not appear in the later editions. Includes bays, rivers, islands, soundings and directions for sailing.

An important early map in the history of the cartography of the Texas, Gulf Coast and Florida regions. As these were working charts, typically printed on cheap paper, the maps rarely survive in good condition

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and offsetting and minor loss is the norm.

An essential map for collectors of these regions.

Detailed Condition:

Trimmed close at left lower margin, just touching neat line. Minor soiling.