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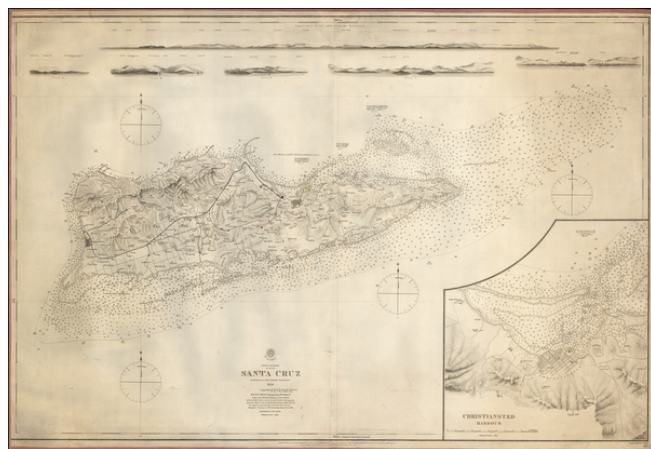
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Santa Cruz Surveyed by Mr. John Parsons, Master, R.N. 1856 (with early annotations!)

Stock#: 55960
Map Maker: British Admiralty
Date: 1858 (1863)
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 38 x 25.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

An Important Early Map of St. Croix -- With an Early Expedition Added in Manuscript!

Rare separately published sea chart of St. Croix, first published by the British Admiralty in 1858.

The present example is corrected to May 1863.

The chart presents a fine large image of St. Croix, perhaps the largest separate sea chart of the island to date, along with a large inset of the Christiansted Harbor and six profile views of approaches to the island from the north. In the interior of the island, a grid-like road system is present, with dozens of places located including little symbols for windmills, likely noting Sugar Mills located on some of the named plantations.

The chart provides topographical details and elevations, and also shows lighthouses, towns, anchorages and other places of interest.

Early Annotations

The present example includes the meticulous addition of a route traveled in the interior of St. Croix by an early planner. Given the timing and circuitous nature of the lines and black boxes, it is possible these are early telegraph lines. A second route in red is shown, remaining closer to Christiansted.

Rarity

The map is extremely rare. OCLC locates no other examples and we were not able to locate another



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example at auction or in dealer catalog records going back more than 30 years.

Detailed Condition:

Blue backed map, with a single fold. Horizontal tear at centerfold, just to the right of the title and some minor soiling. Evidence of an old library stamp near the title.