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## Carte des Bayes, Rades et. Port de Plaisance dans l'Isle de Terre-Neuve

**Stock#:** 58844  
**Map Maker:** Bellin  
**Date:** 1764  
**Place:** Paris  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 11 x 8.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### *Placentia Bay, Newfoundland*

An excellent map of the Bay of Placentia and environs, published by Nicolas Bellin in his *Petit Atlas Maritime* shortly after the conclusion of the Seven Years War.

The of the Bay of Placentia was a center of operations for Basque fishermen as early as the beginning of the 16th century. The last will of a Basque seaman has been discovered in an archive in Spain in which Domingo de Luca asks in 1563, "that my body be buried in this port of Plazençia in the place where those who die here are usually buried." It is believed to be the oldest original civil document written in Canada.

"Placentia" may be derived from a similar name of an old Basque villa called Placencia de las Armas (Basque: Soraluze), which is located in the Gipuzkoa province of the Basque Country.

In 1655, the French made Placentia the capital, building Fort Plaisance in 1662, which was followed by Fort Royal in 1687, and Fort Saint Louis in 1691. The French garrisons at Plaisance were small, but despite that fact, the soldiers and French privateers managed to hold their own in the face of numerous English attacks during the two major conflicts of the Nine Years' War and the War of the Spanish Succession. Recollect (Franciscan) friars from New France built a friary here in 1689, which lasted until the expulsion of the French in 1714. In 1692, Louis-Armand de Lom d'Arce de Lahontan, Baron de Lahontan defended the French port.

In 1711, the British almost annihilated the French at Placentia when a Royal Navy fleet under Admiral Hovenden Walker.



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In 1713, the Treaty of Utrecht forced the French to abandon their Placentia Bay settlements and migrate to Louisbourg, and Placentia became a British possession. In the spring of 1714, the governor of Plaisance began organizing the emigration. Three royal ships accompanied by merchant vessels took the French residents of Placentia to the future site of Louisbourg.

**Detailed Condition:**