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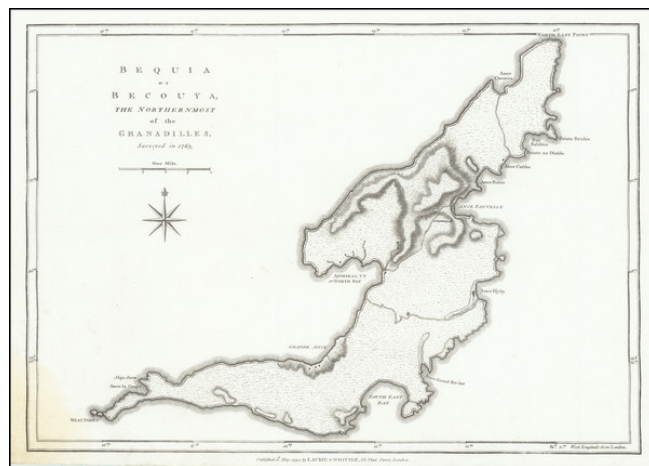
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Bequia or Becouya, The Northernmost of the Granadilles, Surveyed in 1763

Stock#: 67532
Map Maker: Whittle & Laurie
Date: 1794
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 18 x 13 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A nice example of this scarce map of from the Jeffery's *West India Atlas*. The map includes an ornate compass rose, approximately twenty place names, roads, topographical details, and more. The map is attractively and simply laid out.

Bequia, the name which stuck to the island, is one of the southernmost islands of the Lesser Antilles. Several of the toponyms have changed since the publication of the map, but the sound on the west coast is still referred to as Admiralty Bay. The small collection of buildings on its shores has grown into Port Elizabeth, the largest town on the island with a population of 4,000.

Bequia played an interesting role in the life of Alexander Hamilton. His father, James Hamilton, moved there in 1774 from St. Croix. Alexander repeatedly asked James to visit him in the United States, even sending him money to do so, but the latter never came.

The first edition of this map was created by Jeffreys, but it was not published until after his 1771 death. Sayer and Bennet first published the map in 1775, and updated it in several subsequent editions. Laurie and Whittle acquired the plates upon Robert Sayer's death in 1794.

Detailed Condition:

Dampstain in lower left.