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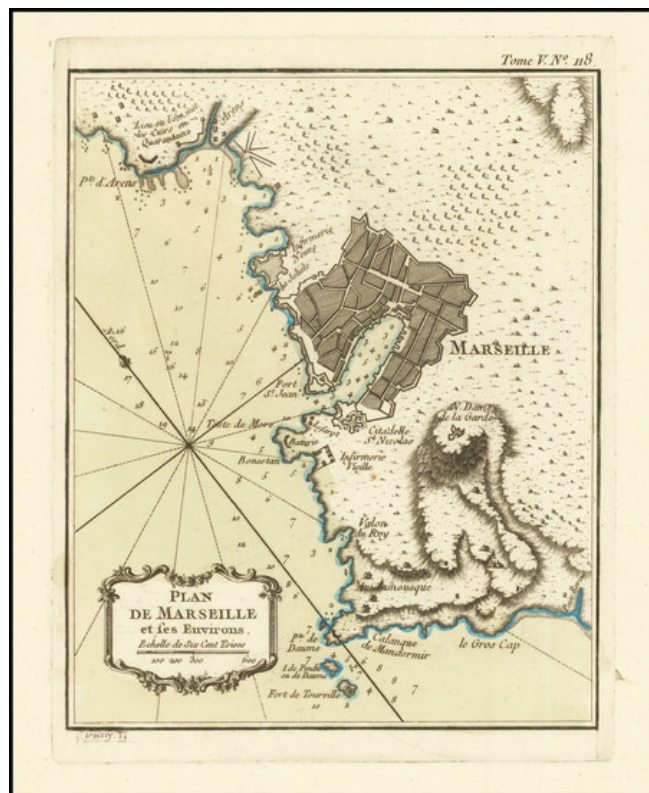
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Plan de Marseille et ses Environs

Stock#: 76197
Map Maker: Bellin
Date: 1764
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 6.8 x 8.7 inches (including text)
Price: \$ 195.00



Description:

Attractive navigational chart showing the town of Marseille, in Provence (France). Delicately colored, the map includes numerous soundings and shows onshore details which would have been of use to sailors, for example, towns and topography. The layout of the city is hinted at, with major thoroughfares shown. Notre-Dame de la Garde is labeled and shown, it was a Medieval chapel at the time and would be transformed into the Basilica and symbol of Marseille in the 19th century. Several islands are also shown and named.

Marseille is one of the most merchant port centers on the Mediterranean, and, in the 18th century, it served as a gateway between France and Italy as well as the Middle East. In 1764, the city was just recovering from its great plague of 1720, but, by 1792 the city would be the center of world events as one of the focal points for the French Revolution.

The map appeared in Jacques Nicolas Bellin's *Le Petit Atlas Maritime Recueilli de Cartes et Plans des Quatre Parlies du Monde en Cinq Volumes*, first published in Paris in 1764. The *Atlas* was a delightful



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small-sized pilot, showing many places of interest around the world.

Detailed Condition:

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