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[Great Inagua, Bahamas] Carte de la Partie Occidentale D'Inague . . . 1753.

Stock#: 76434
Map Maker: Bellin
Date: 1754 circa
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 6.5 x 8.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Southernmost Island of the Bahama Islands

Scarce chart of the western part of Great Inagua island in the Bahamas.

The name Heneagua was derived from a Spanish expression meaning 'water is to be found there'. Two names of apparent Lucayan origin, Inagua (meaning "Small Eastern Island") and Baneque (meaning "Big Water Island"), were used by the Spanish to refer to Great Inagua.

Between the years of 1500 and 1825, many documented treasure laden ships were destroyed on Inaguan reefs. The two most valuable wrecks lost off the Inaguas were treasure-laden Spanish galleons: the *Santa Rosa* in 1599; and the *Infanta* in 1788. Other ships of considerable value that were wrecked there include the French *Le Count De Paix* in 1713, the British *HMS Lowestoffe* in 1801,[5][6] and the *British HMS Statira* in 1815.



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As early as the 1600s, salt was being produced and shipped to Spanish colonies, and its extraction was a going business by 1803.

Detailed Condition: