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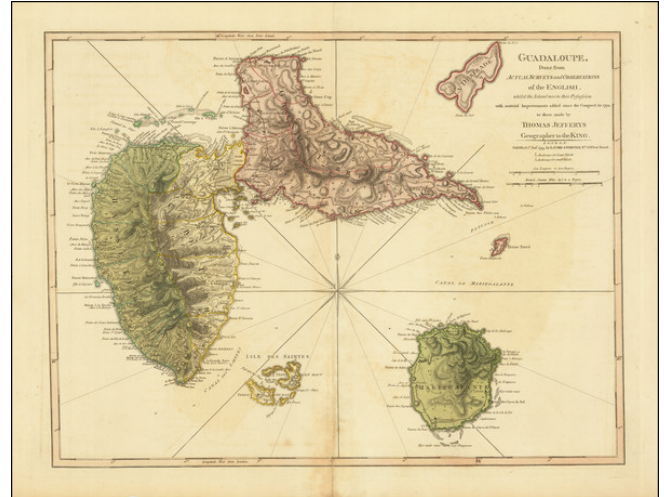
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## Guadeloupe, Done from Actual Surveys and Observations of the English, whilst the Island was in their Possession with material Improvements added since the Conquest in 1794.

**Stock#:** 77187  
**Map Maker:** Laurie & Whittle  
**Date:** 1795  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 24 x 18 inches  
**Price:** \$ 875.00



### Description:

Fine full hand-color example of Thomas Jefferys' map of Guadeloupe, Marie Galante, La Desirade, and neighboring islands, from *The West-India Atlas*.

Jefferys' map is one of the earliest separately issued maps to focus on the region. It includes enormous detail, at an almost plantation-by-plantation level.

This map was reissued in a later edition starting in 1794 when the 1775 map could be updated following the reoccupation of the island by British troops. Britain had previously controlled the island during four years in the Seven Year's War, likely when the original survey would have been conducted. The island was retaken from France in 1794 while Britain was allied with French Royalists, but it would not be long before France retook the island under general Victor Hugues. As such, there was only a small window for this map to be updated.

The updates on the present map are mainly limited to coastal features, with significantly more islands, capes, and points named.

### Jefferys's West India Atlas

In describing the West India Atlas, Rumsey notes:



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*This is a superb atlas of the West Indies and a companion atlas to Jeffery's American Atlas also first issued in 1775. The latest date on the charts in this copy is 1788 (The Cape Verde Islands). . . . Jefferys died in 1771; Sayer and Bennet acquired his materials in preparation for this atlas, and published the atlas posthumously under his name (as they did with the American Atlas) in 1775. The heart of this atlas and the most detailed part is the sixteen sheet large chart and index sheet of the whole of the West Indies. The rest of the atlas consists of charts of the Atlantic Islands and the British Channel, as well as individual maps and charts of seventeen islands in the West Indies. . . . Phillips shows issues of 1775, 1781, 1787, 1794, 1796, 1807, and 1818. With the 1794 and later editions, 20 maps are added of various additional islands. Sayer and Bennet also published in 1775 a smaller version of this atlas called "The West India Islands: From Actual Survey and Observations..." that consisted of the same text, a general chart of the Islands, and the same sixteen or seventeen (depending on the edition) charts of the islands that appear in the larger version (P3942). Finally, Jefferys himself published in 1762 "A Description of the Spanish Islands and Settlements on the Coast of the West Indies" which was issued in quarto, with a general chart and 32 maps and plans of harbors and towns . . .*

**Detailed Condition:**

Original hand-color.