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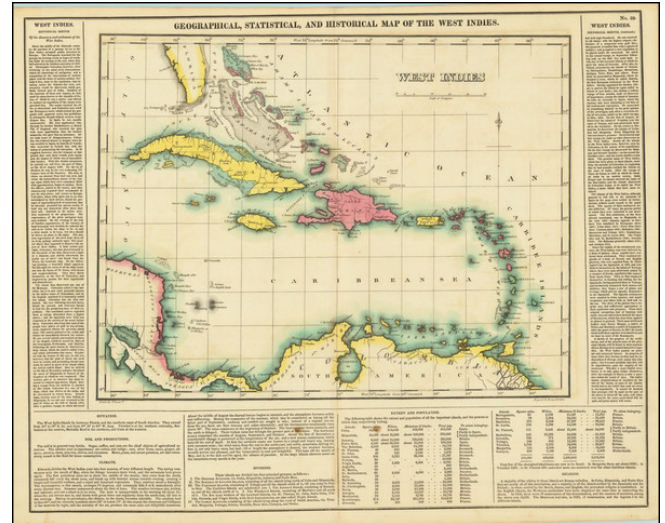
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Geographical, Statistical and Historical Map of The West Indies

Stock#: 86003
Map Maker: Carey & Lea
Date: 1822
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition:
Size: 21 x 17 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A nice detailed map of the Bahamas, South Florida, and Cuba, from the first edition of Carey & Lea's *American Atlas*. This is one of the most detailed maps of the Bahama Islands to appear in a commercial atlas. The lengthy narrative text below includes details about the islands, climates, towns, soils, government, and history of both Cuba and the Bahamas. This map is increasingly rare on the market.

The map names many islands and settlements, and shows roads, shipping lanes, reefs, and more. The Florida Keys, Turks and Caicos, the Caymans, and part of Dominica are all visible. Notes of particular interest include the detailed description of Havana, the Spanish atrocities in Cuba, and the history of pirates in the Bahamas.

Carey & Lea's *American Atlas* is highly prized not only for its cartographic information but the marvelous information about each of the states and territories which is included. The atlas was issued in six editions in English, French & German between 1822 and 1827. While earlier hand-colored atlases had been issued in the United States (for instance by Fielding Lucas Jr., who also worked as an engraver on the present volume), Carey and Lea's was by far the most popular and important of the first wave of American atlases. The book introduced a format that would be widely copied thereafter, in the atlases of Buchon in France, Weiland in Germany, and Garcia Cubas, in Mexico.

Detailed Condition: