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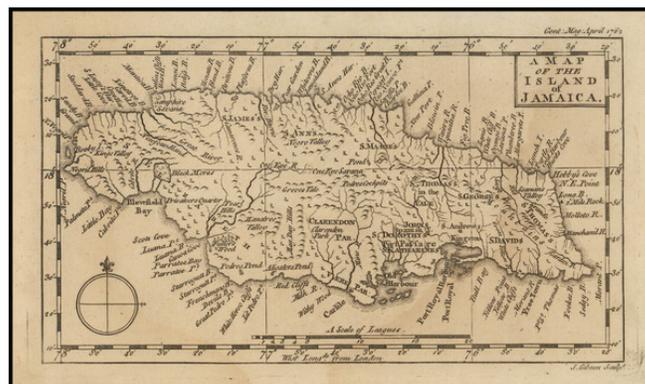
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A Map of the Island of Jamaica

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Map Maker: Gentleman's Magazine
Date: 1762
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 7.5 x 4 inches
Price: \$ 145.00



Description:

Detailed map of Jamaica from the April 1762 edition of *London Magazine*.

This small map of Jamaica shows the island as a British colony with several established settlements, ports, and plantations scattered across its terrain. The map may also highlight the island's rugged terrain and natural resources, including mountains, rivers, and forests.

Jamaica island was first claimed by the Spanish in 1494, but it was not until 1655 that the British captured it and made it a permanent colony. Over the next few decades, the British established large-scale sugar plantations and brought in African slaves to work them, leading to a sharp increase in the island's wealth and prosperity.

Throughout the 18th century, Jamaica remained a crucial hub of the British Atlantic economy, exporting sugar, rum, and other commodities to Europe and North America. However, the island's economy was heavily dependent on slave labor, and there were numerous uprisings and rebellions by enslaved people seeking their freedom. One of the most significant of these was the 1760 Tacky's Rebellion, which involved thousands of enslaved people and lasted for several months before being brutally crushed by the British.

In the years following Tacky's Rebellion, the British government became increasingly concerned about the possibility of further uprisings and the impact they could have on the island's lucrative sugar industry. To try to prevent this, they passed a series of laws and policies aimed at strengthening the control of the white ruling class over the island's enslaved population. These included the 1765 Jamaica Act, which gave white landowners even more power over their slaves, and the 1783 Zong massacre, in which enslaved people were thrown overboard from a slave ship in order to claim insurance money.



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