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A New Map of the Island of Barbadoes, containing...

Stock#: 92684
Map Maker: Moll
Date: 1708
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 14 x 11.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking example of Herman Moll's map of Barbados, published in London in the early 18th century.

Barbados was first sighted by the Portuguese explorer Pedro Campos in 1536, but it wasn't until the 1620s that the English began to settle there. The island was initially used as a tobacco plantation, but this crop was quickly replaced by sugar cane, which became the island's main export.

By the early 18th century, Barbadoes had become one of the wealthiest British colonies in the Caribbean, with a thriving sugar industry and a large enslaved African population. The island's prosperity attracted the attention of other European powers, and it was frequently attacked by the French and the Dutch throughout the 17th and 18th centuries.

Herman Moll's map of Barbadoes provides a detailed look at the island's geography, including its coastline, rivers, and mountains. It also includes information on the island's sugar plantations, towns, and forts, as well as the location of the various European settlements and the territories of the indigenous Carib people.

One of the most interesting features of the map is the depiction of the island's roads and transportation network, an unusual feature for a map of this period.

Detailed Condition: