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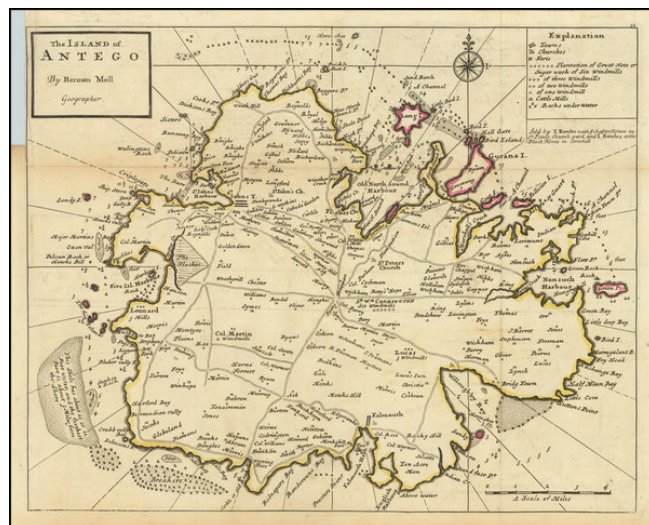
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The Island of Antego. By Herman Moll Geographer

Stock#: 93862
Map Maker: Moll
Date: 1740
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 14.5 x 11.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Interesting map of Antigua by Herman Moll.

Shows churches, forts, windmills, plantation, cattle mills, submerged rocks, etc. Depths shown by soundings.

Published by the esteemed cartographer Herman Moll in London in 1730, the map provides a look at the the early history of this fascinating Caribbean island.

Antigua, part of the Leeward Islands in the Caribbean, was discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1493 during his second voyage to the New World. He named the island "Santa Maria de la Antigua" after the venerated saint of Seville.

This small map of Antigua, drawn with remarkable precision by Moll, showcases the geographical features, settlements, and major plantations of the island during the early 18th century. The map also highlights Antigua's strategic importance as a British naval base, with English Harbor on the southeastern coast serving as the main hub for British naval operations in the region.

By the time of the map's publication, Antigua had already undergone significant transformations due to European colonization. The British first established a settlement on the island in 1632, and by 1667, the Treaty of Breda confirmed British sovereignty over Antigua. The island's fertile soil and favorable climate made it an ideal location for the cultivation of sugarcane, which subsequently led to a rapid expansion of the plantation economy. African slaves were forcibly brought to the island to work on these plantations,



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and by the mid-18th century, the population of enslaved Africans vastly outnumbered that of white settlers.

Detailed Condition: