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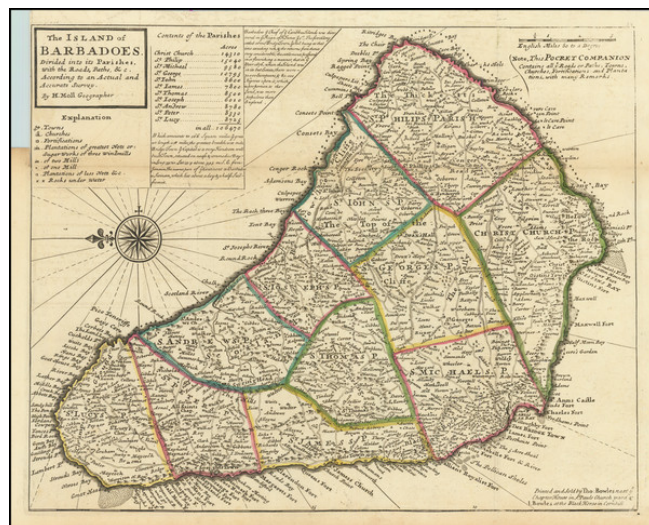
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A New Map of the Island of Barbadoes, containing...

Stock#: 93870
Map Maker: Moll
Date: 1708
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 14.5 x 11.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking example of this Moll's map of Barbados.

Barbados, the easternmost island in the Caribbean, was first discovered by the Spanish in the late 15th Century. However, it was not until 1625 that the British arrived, led by Captain John Powell, who claimed the island for King James I. English settlers soon followed, and by 1627, the first permanent settlement was established.

Herman Moll's small map of Barbadoes showcases the island's unique geography and early settlements. The map highlights the various parishes, major towns, and plantations that dotted the landscape during the early 18th century.

The history of Barbados is intrinsically linked to the rise of the plantation economy and the enslavement of Africans. The island was an ideal location for cultivating sugarcane, which became the primary crop and the backbone of the island's economy. Moll's map provides a visual representation of this burgeoning plantation system, revealing the extent to which the island's landscape had been transformed by agriculture.

The small map of Barbadoes also highlights the island's strategic importance as a British colony. Bridgetown, the capital city and primary port, was a crucial hub for trade and communication between the British colonies in the Caribbean and the wider Atlantic world. The map captures the island at a time when its political and economic significance was growing, and British influence in the region was expanding.



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