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St. Christophers, or St. Kitts, Surveyed by Anthony Ravell Esqr. Surveyor General of the Islands of St. Christophers, Nevis and Montserat

Stock#: 95360
Map Maker: Jefferys
Date: 1775
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 24 x 18.5 inches
Price: \$ 1,800.00



Description:

St. Christophers, or St. Kitts, surveyed by Anthony Ravell, Surveyor General of the islands of St. Christophers, Nevis, and Montserrat, presents an intricate cartographic picture of the island of St. Kitts. Published by Thomas Jefferys in London in 1775, the map stands as an exceptional example of 18th-century British cartographic artistry. An inset map in the upper right corner, also by Jefferys, portrays the island of Nevis, providing a broader geographical context.

The map's exhaustive detail, both topographical and man-made, provides a nuanced view of the islands. Various aspects, such as parishes, quarters, notable landmarks like the Londonderry Fort, Irish Town, and St. George's Church, are depicted, offering insights into the organization and social geography of the time. A unique feature of the map is its depiction of the Mount Misery, identified as a former volcano, with a noted height of 3,711 feet.

In addition, the map's 'Observations' provide an empirical sense of the islands' geographical aspects and human activity. Notably, it mentions the islands' size—68 square miles and nearly 44,000 acres of plantations—revealing the islands' significant engagement with agricultural endeavors, likely in sugar cultivation. Numerical figures marking the depth of the sea in fathoms provide an understanding of the marine geography around the islands.

St. Christophers, or St. Kitts by Anthony Ravell and Thomas Jefferys provides a meticulous record of these Caribbean islands' landscapes in the late 18th century. Its detail and precision offer insights into the islands' topography, societal structures, and economic activity, thereby providing a multifaceted



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understanding of the region during a key historical period.

Detailed Condition:

Segmented and laid on linen.