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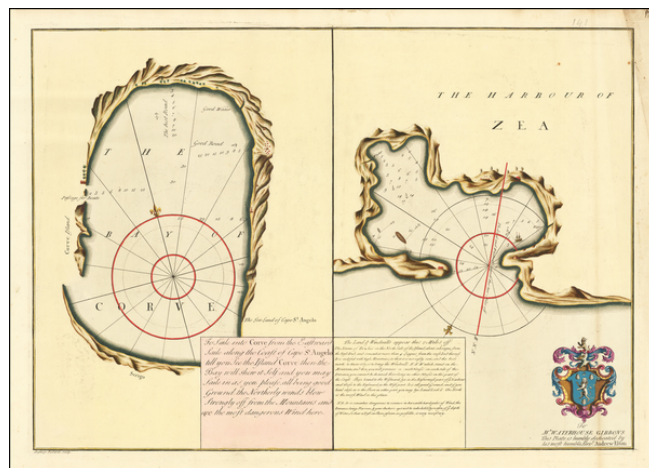
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The Bay of Corve [with] The Bay of Zea

Stock#: 62959op
Map Maker: Elton & Roberts
Date: 1730
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 25.5 x 18 inches
Price: \$ 1,800.00



Description:

Very rare English chart of the Harbors of Zea and Corve, by Andrew Elton, in superb contemporary hand-color.

Engraved sea chart of the Greek harbors of Zea and Corve, with a view of the town at the top of the sheet. The chart, by Andrew Elton, includes a dedication to Waterhouse Gibbons.

In 1730 and 1731, the English merchant mariner, Captain Andrew Elton Jr. issued a series of sea charts of harbors and coastal locations that he had visited during his voyages to the Mediterranean Sea. Each chart was masterfully engraved by Bishop Roberts, an artist who subsequently emigrated to America, where he produced one of the most important early views of Charleston, SC.

The British Library dates the chart to 1780, though this is about 50 years too late.

Elton provides the following note on Corve:

To Saile into Corve from the Eastward Saile along the Coast of Cape St. Angelo till you See the Island Corve then the Bay will shew it Self and you may Saile in as you please, all being good Ground the Northerly winds blow Strongly off from the Mountains and are the most dangerous Wind here.

And a note on Zea:

The Land & Windmills appear thus 2 Miles off The Haven of Zea lies on the North Side of the Island, about a league from the East End, and somewhat more than 4 Leagues from the west End thereof. It



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is enclosed with high Mountains, so that it is not easily seen; and the best mark to know it by, is to bring the Windmills N.N.W. which stand on the Mountain, and then you will perceive a small House on each side of the Engrance; you cannot be deceived, there being no other Houses on this part of the Coast. Ships bound to the Westward, lye in the Eastermost part of ye Harbour and those to the Eastward, in the West part. It is all good Ground, and if you haul close in to the Shore in either part, you may lye Land Lock'd. The North is the worst Wind in this place.

N.B. It is somewhat dangerous to venture in here, with hard gales of Wind, It is somewhat dangerous to venture in here, with hard gales of Wind, the Entrance being Narrow, & your Anchors apt not to take hold, by reason of ye depth of Water, So that a Fast on Shore, as soon as possible, is very necessary.

Rarity

Two institutional copies traced: BL and University of Illinois, Chicago (in the Composite Atlas Factice of Sir William Beauchamp Proctor). No examples are located in sales databases.

Detailed Condition: