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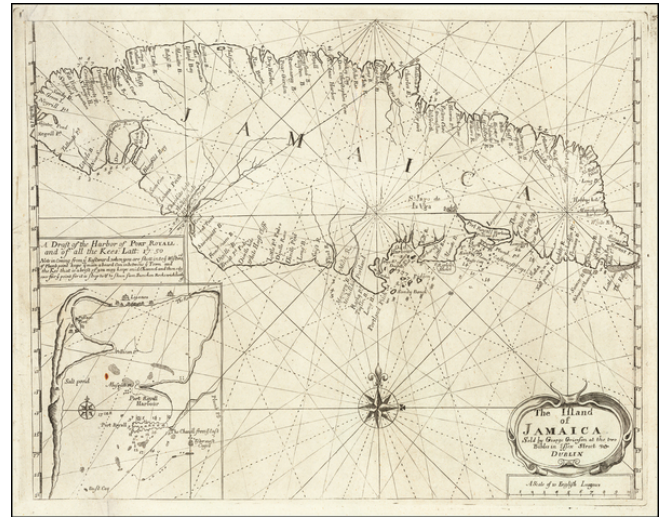
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The Island of Jamaica Sold By George Grierson at the two Bibles in Essex Street - Dublin

Stock#: 65462
Map Maker: Grierson
Date: 1767
Place: Dublin
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 16 inches
Price: \$ 1,200.00



Description:

Rare Sea Chart of Jamaica, Published In Dublin!

Rare Grierson sea chart of Jamaica, published in Dublin.

Includes a large inset map of Port Royal.

George Grierson (c.1678 - 1753)

Scottish born George Grierson was one of the most important publishers, editors and mapmakers in 18th-century Ireland. Dublin was then one of the most important cities in the British Empire, being a bustling port and a financial and services center. Its publishing sector remained underdeveloped however, hampered by ongoing political instability, a relatively strict regime of official censorship, and the overwhelming market dominance of London printers. Particularly with respect to cartographic printing, Dublin's footprint was miniscule, and even most surveys of Ireland being printed in England. Grierson stepped into the void and more than any other figure transformed Dublin into major printing hub.

Much misinformation has been written about Grierson, and one easily gains the erroneous impression that he was some sort of disreputable fly-by-night journeyman printer subsisting on the piracy of others' intellectual property. In reality, he was an innovative entrepreneur, the leading publisher in Ireland, and a respected member of the Dublin upper class. While he printed works originated by others, he always did this within copyright laws and always with attribution. In this sense, he was no different than any map



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maker who issued his own edition of a map previously published (a common and well-accepted practice).

Grierson started out printing Bibles and other religious texts, but eventually moved into printing classics and literature. He produced important editions of Milton's *Paradise Lost* and Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*. His series of affordable pocket-sized books, Grierson's Classics, were bestsellers of the era.

Grierson died in 1753, but his printing business was continued, first by his eldest son George, who died in 1755 and was succeeded by his younger brother Boulter (d. 1771). Boulter reissued the *English Pilot* in 1767, with no changes to the plates, a copy of which supplied the chart of New England offered here.

Rarity

All Grierson charts are rare, the present one particularly so.

We locate a single example having appeared on the market in the past 20 years.

The firm of Arkway offered a copy of the full atlas for \$58,000 in 2002.

Detailed Condition: