

# **Barry Lawrence Ruderman Antique Maps Inc.**

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#### Prise de Tabago

**Stock#:** 27744 **Map Maker:** Godefroy

Date: 1784
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored

**Condition:** VG+

**Size:**  $6.5 \times 7$  inches

Price: SOLD



#### **Description:**

Rare early view showing the capture of the Island of Tabago by French forces in 1781.

The view appeared in Nicolas Ponce and Francois Godefroy's *Recueil d'estampes représentant les différents événements de la guerre qui a procuré l'indépendance aux Etats unis de l'Amérique,* first published in Paris in 1783.

The Capture of Sint Eustatius took place in February 1781 during the American War of Independence when British army and naval forces under General John Vaughan and Admiral George Rodney seized the Dutch-owned Caribbean island of Sint Eustatius. The capture was controversial in Britain, as it was alleged that Vaughan and Rodney had used the opportunity to enrich themselves and had neglected more important military duties. The island was subsequently taken by Dutch-allied French forces in late 1781, ending the British occupation.

The Invasion of Tobago was a French expedition in May 1781 against the British-held island of Tobago during the American War of Independence. The fleet of the Comte de Grasse landed troops under the command of the Marquis de Bouillé, which successfully gained control of the island on June 2, 1781.



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