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An Accurate Map of the Islands of St. Christophers and Nevis in the West Indies By an Officer With the Position of the English and French Fleets February 7th, 1782.

Stock#: 51759
Map Maker: Cary
Date: 1782
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 15 x 12 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Detailed map of St. Kitts and Nevis, illustrating the naval battle fought in February 1782 between the French and British forces at Basse Terre Town on St. Kitts.

The map provides fine topographical depiction of the two islands, locating parishes, quarters, towns, harbors, roads, etc.

The map shows the engagement between the French Forces led by Francois-Joseph Paul, Comte De Grasse and Admiral Samuel Hood. In January and February 1782, De Grasse conquered St. Kitts. De Grasse's action at St. Kitts was vigorously opposed by Hood, who, with a much inferior force, first drove de Grasse from his anchorage at Basseterre and then repulsed his repeated attacks.

Admiral Hood's Squadron is shown on the map in a defensive position protecting the towns against the French fleet. St. Kitts was contested between the French, Spanish and English numerous times during the 17th and 18th century, due to the prosperous sugar plantations on the island. This map illustrates the siege that followed the Battle of St Kitts, also known as the Battle of Frigate Bay, during the American Revolutionary War, which eventually resulted in a French victory. The islands were returned to Britain under the Treaty of Versailles in 1783.

Detailed Condition: