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An Exact Draught of the Bay and Harbour of Vigo

Stock#: 52750
Map Maker: Rapin de Thoyras
Date: 1740
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine contemporary plan of the Battle of Vigo Bay, in the War of the Spanish Succession, from Rapin & Tindall's *History of England*.

The War was an attempt by the joint Anglo-Dutch forces under Admiral Rooke to capture a Spanish treasure fleet that had recently arrived in Vigo from Havana. Despite the heavy defences Rooke won a famous victory, although the bulk of the silver bullion escaped him. Rumors that the treasure sank in the Bay were incorporated into the plot of Jules Verne's novel *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*.

Detailed Condition: