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Isles Caribes [Caribbean Islands]

Stock#: 96299
Map Maker: Mallet
Date: 1683
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 4 x 6.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Isles Caribes is a decorative map from 1683 by Alain Manesson Mallet, illustrating the Antilles in exquisite detail, ranging from Puerto Rico in the northwest to Trinidad and Tobago in the southeast. The map features a collection of significant islands, such as Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Tortuga, Grenada, Martinique, Dominica, Barbuda, Barbados, St. Barts, St. Kitts, St. Martin, and Guadeloupe. An additional layer of historical context is added through the depiction of several major sea battles.

In the 17th century, the Antilles served as a backdrop to colonial expansion, conflict, and trade among European powers, especially between the Spanish, English, and French empires. This map offers a snapshot of this tumultuous period, when the struggle for control over the rich resources and strategic



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advantages of the Caribbean was at its height. The depiction of several sea battles on the map illustrates the ongoing conflicts of the era, transforming the map into a canvas of colonial warfare and ambition.

Alain Manesson Mallet, an esteemed French cartographer and engineer, created this map for his notable work, *Description de l' Univers*. First published in Paris in 1683, this seminal five-volume publication covered a diverse range of topics, from geography and cosmography to history and architecture. The *Isles Caribes* is a part of this extensive work, reflecting Mallet's meticulous detailing and broad understanding of the world, particularly during the age of exploration and colonialism.

Detailed Condition: