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A Chart of Nova Scotia, Surveyed by Joseph Frederick Wallet des Barres Esq. by the Order of the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty

Stock#: 002sh
Map Maker: Des Barres
Date: 1775
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 61 x 29.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine early edition of Des Barres' chart of Nova Scotia, from Des Barres' monumental *Atlantic Neptune*, predating the addition of the topographical features and most of the toponyms, which occurred beginning with the 4th State of the map.

The map is based upon the survey work of De Barres himself, who personally undertook the survey of Nova Scotia, whereas other regions of Canada, such as Cape Breton and New Brunswick, were delegated to Samuel Holland and other surveyors. This map went through approximately 8 states, of which this appears to be the first state, lacking the changes noted by the detailed on-line description given by the National Maritime Museum.

This fine chart appeared in the *Atlantic Neptune* by Captain Joseph Frederick Wallet des Barres. The *Atlantic Neptune* was remarkable, multi-volume set of sea charts and coastal views prepared from surveys by Samuel Holland, Thomas Hurd, and Charles Blaskowitz. The maps were prepared under the supervision of Des Barres and employed as many as twenty engravers and assistants.

The *Atlantic Neptune* is one of the finest large scale sea atlases of the U.S. and Canadian Atlantic coast line ever produced. The maps in the atlas were produced over six year period (1775-81), and are well known for their accurate portrayal of various sounds, bays, bars, and harbors as well as navigational hazards. The atlas was used extensively by the Royal Navy during the American Revolution.

Detailed Condition:

Three sheets joined. One repaired tear within the printed image.