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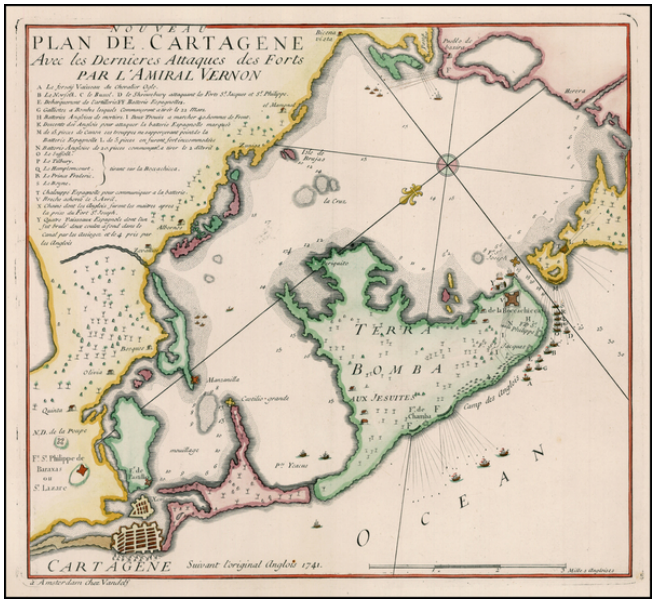
Nouveau Plan de Cartagene Avec les Dernieres Attaques des Forts Par L'Amiral Vernon . . . Suivant l'original Anglois 1741

Stock#: 0350gh
Map Maker: Le Rouge

Date: 1741 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 14 x 13 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare Le Rouge plan of the siege of Cartagena (Cartagena de Indias), by the Vice-Admiral Vernon , in 1741, probably drawn after Harding and Toms chart, and published the same year.

The Siege was a massive amphibious military engagement between the forces of Britain under Vernon and Spain under Admiral Blas de Lezo and Viceroy Sebastián de Eslava in March 1741. It was the most significant battle in the War of Jenkins' Ear and one of the largest naval campaigns in British history. The battle ended in a major defeat and heavy losses for the British: 50 ships lost, badly damaged or abandoned for lack of crew and losses of 18,000 soldiers and sailors, mainly due to disease.

Le Rouge's plan shows the positions of the British and Spanish troops and the boats sunken by Blas de Lezo. The cartography and iconography of the siege of Cartagena is very rich, in large part due to the fact that the British started to celebrate the victory of the battle before learning that it had been a failure.

Includes a key of approximately 20 battle notes, along with forts, batteries, ships in the harbor and off the coast, soundings and other details.

The map is very rare. OCLC locates only the copy in the Bibliotheque Nationale de France. The map has not appeared at in a dealer catalogue or auction record noted by AMPR for more than 25 years.

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