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A Chart of the Gulf of Florida or New Bahama Channel, Commonly called The Gulf Passage, Between Florida, the Isle of Cuba, &c. the Bahama Islands: From the Journals . . . of Mr. Chas. Roberts . . .Compared with the Surveys of Mr. George Gauld . . .

Stock#:	18834
Map Maker:	Faden
Date:	1794
Place:	London
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Price:	SOLD



Description:

Rare sea chart of South Florida, the Florida Keys, the Bahamas and part of Cuba, based upon the Surveys of Charles Roberts and George Gauld.

The British Admiralty assigned George Gauld, a Scots-born surveyor, the task of charting the waters off the Gulf Coast of West Florida. Between 1764 and 1781 Gauld mapped an area that extended from New Orleans to the western coast of modern-day Florida. Recognising the importance of his work to all those who travelled in the area, Gauld readily shared his work with scientific societies in America. During the Revolutionary War, Gauld was forced to suspend his work in the Dry Tortugas and Florida Keys due to attacks by American privateers, and in 1781, he was taken prisoner at the Siege of Pensacola. He was subsequently taken to Havana and then New York, before being repatriated to England, where he died shortly afterwards.

Detailed Condition:

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