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Prise de St. Eustache

Stock#: 27811
Map Maker: Godefroy
Date: 1784
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 6.5 x 7 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare early view showing the re-capture of Sint Eustatius by French forces in 1781.

The view appeared in Nicolas Ponce and Francois Godefroy's *Recueil d'estampes représentant les différents événements de la guerre qui a procuré l'indépendance aux Etats unis de l'Amérique*, first published in Paris in 1783.

The Capture of Sint Eustatius took place in February 1781 during the American War of Independence when British army and naval forces under General John Vaughan and Admiral George Rodney seized the Dutch-owned Caribbean island of Sint Eustatius. The capture was controversial in Britain, as it was alleged that Vaughan and Rodney had used the opportunity to enrich themselves and had neglected more important military duties. The island was subsequently taken by Dutch-allied French forces in late 1781, ending the British occupation.

Detailed Condition: