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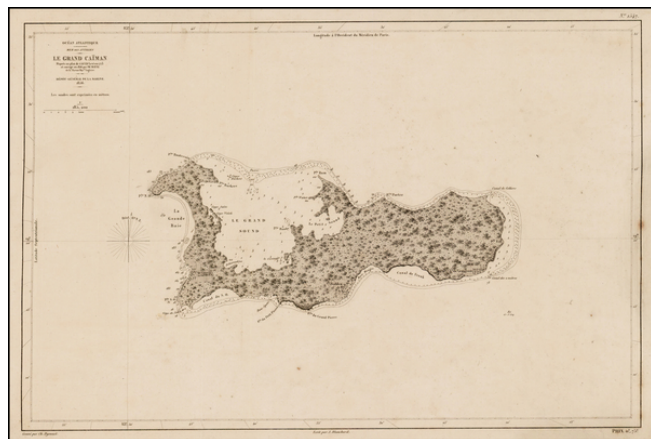
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Le Grand Caiman D'apres un plan de Gauld levee en 1773 et corrige en 1816 De Mayne . . . 1836 (Grand Cayman Island)

Stock#: 29823
Map Maker: Depot de la Marine
Date: 1836
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 18 x 11.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Extremely rare chart of Grand Cayman Island, based upon an original survey by George Gauld in 1773, with later revisions and corrections by De Mayne.

George Gauld first visited and surveyed Grand Cayman in 1773, producing a map of the island. While his survey exists in manuscript, it was never printed and the earliest printed map of the island was done by A. De Mayne in about 1816. OCLC notes a single copy of a Gauld map of Grand Cayman entitled "The Island of Grand Cayman, Surveyd by G. Gauld 1773," and dated 1815. A french manuscript map of Grand Gayman dated 1803 is also held by the Bibliotheque National de France. Systematic hydrographic surveys of Grand Cayman were not completed until undertaken by the Royal Nay in the 1880s.

Gauld originally landed in Bodden Town, which was then known as "South Side." Because its natural harbour, Bodden Town was attractive to both merchant and trading ships as well as Caribbean pirates. When Gauld first arrived, the town's population was approxiamtely 200-roughly half the population of the entire island. Gauld noted the majority of residents had the surname, "Bodden", all descendants of Isaac Bodden, a soldier from Cromwell's army.

This map is of the utmost rarity. We were not able to locate any other examples of the map in OCLC or otherwise.

Moreover, there are no auction records for any separate map of Grand Cayman Island and no dealer records showing a Grand Cayman map in AMPR or Americana Exchange prior to 1850 and only a single Spanish Chart of 1877 is listed by AMPR (offered by John Faupel in 1987).



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