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Nieuwe en Aldereerste Afteekening van 't Eyland St. Thomas. Met alle desselfs Havenen, Anker Plaatsen en geleeget heden, is geleegeen beoosten I. Porto Rico in West indie . . . 1719

Stock#: 31121
Map Maker: Van Keulen
Date: 1719
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 39 x 21 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Magnificent large format sea chart of the island of St. Thomas, in the Virgin Islands, published by Gerard Van Keulen in 1719, along with large inset maps of the Harbors on St. John and St. Thomas.

This fine work by Gerard Van Keulen includes three detailed maps. The main map shows the island of St. Thomas in great detail, noting the topography, harbors, fortifications, plantations, soundings and shoals. At the right are two large and detailed harbor charts. In the upper right is the principle harbor of St. Thomas, and Charlotte Amalie Harbor with Fort Christian prominently displayed. In the lower right is Cruz Bay on the island of Saint John.

The map is beautifully engraved and embellished with rhumb lines, sailing ships and compass roses. A cartouche crowning the distance scales dedicates the map to Erik Bredal, governor of the Danish West India Company. The family firm of Van Keulen produced and sold sea charts, pilot guides, and nautical instruments for well over two centuries. Founded by Johannes Van Keulen (1654-1715) and later taken over by his son, Gerard (1678-1727). Johannes II took over management of the firm in 1726 and after his death in 1788, it was run by his two sons, Gerard Hulst and Cornelius Buys, who managed the firm into the 19th century. The firm reached its zenith in the period between 1700 and 1730. Its charts were among the finest, most detailed and accurate charts available to mariners of all countries and were the most widely used working charts available for navigation of the World's seas.

Detailed Condition:

One tear entering the map from the center left.