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The Island of New Providence. Surveyed by Edward Barnett, Commander, H.M.S. Thunder, 1839

Stock#: 34891
Map Maker: British Admiralty
Date: 1839
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 40 x 27 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare early charting of New Providence in the Bahamas, published by the British Admiralty.

The map provides a remarkably detailed treatment of the soundings and conditions of Providence and neighboring islands, including Hogg Island (now Paradise Island). Lighthouses are shown in Yellow and a town plan is laid out for Nassau. Fort Charlotte is located, as are several other villages.

Edward Barnett (1799-1879) entered the Royal Navy in 1811, quite probably before his 12th Birthday. He attained the rank of Lieutenant in 1826, Commander in 1838, Captain in 1846, Retired Rear-Admiral in 1864, Retired Vice-Admiral in 1871 and Retired Admiral in 1877. Barnett worked in the Hydrographic Department from 1830 to 1833, before venturing into service in the Americas between 1835 and 1846. During this time, he led the survey of the Coast of Central America and the Bahamas, first aboard the Jackdaw, which was lost on an uncharted reef off Old Providence, and later as the Commander of the Lark and the Thunder.

The 1839 map of New Providence is quite rare, with only 1 example appearing on the market in the past 30 years.

Detailed Condition:

Minor tear at lower right corner.