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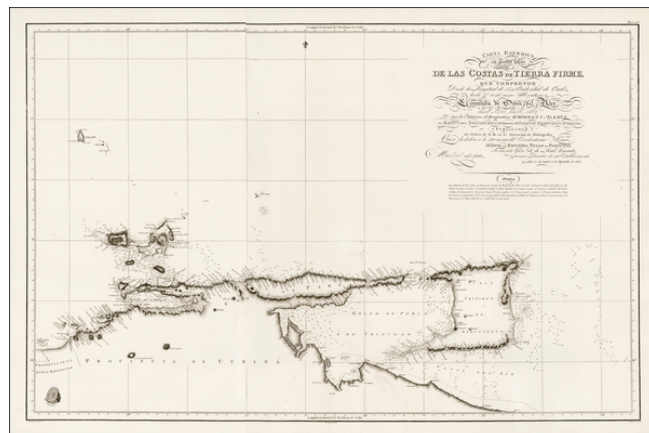
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Map Maker: Direccion Hidrografica de Madrid
Date: 1816
Place: Madrid
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 37 x 24 inches
Price: \$ 875.00



Description:

Rare Spanish Sea Chart of the Coast of Venezuela and Trinidad

Rare first state of the edition of this rare Spanish sea chart of the coastline of Venezuela and neighboring islands, including Trinidad and Margarita.

The present chart represents the southeastern most expeditionary work of Brigadier Joaquin Francisco Fidalgo, at the end of the 18th Century.

The chart is drawn from the hydrographical expeditions of Churruca and Fidalgo. Joaquin Francisco Fidalgo was an important Spanish Naval Officer and Hydrographer. Fidalgo was promoted to commander in 1791, and from 1792 captained one of two divisions of brigs, along with Cosme Damian Churruca, which charted the coast of North America in order to create the first Spanish hydrographical atlas of the coastlines of North America, designed to promote and improved Spanish trade and commerce with the Gulf of Mexico, Florida, Mainland and the Antilles. After 1794, Fidalgo continued his work between Panama and Guajira, Venezuela.

Fidalgo later co-founded a nautical school in Cartagena de Indias. Fidalgo returned to Spain in 1810, at which time he became the commander of the Hydrographic Office.

The map is dedicated to the memory of Don Jose de Espinosa Tello de Portugal, one of Spain's great late 18th and early 19th Century explorers during the age of Spanish Enlightenment.



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