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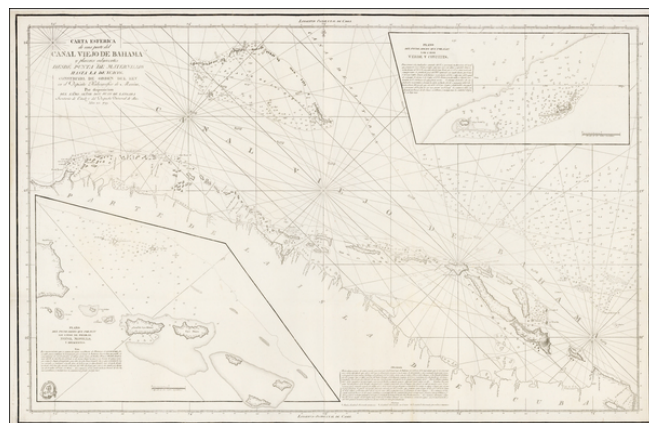
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## **(Bahama Channel) Carta Esferica de una parte del Canal Viejo de Bahama y placeres adyacentes Desde Punta de Maternillos Hasta La Ycacos. Construida de Orden del Rey en el Deposito Hidrografico de Marina, Por disposicion Del Exmo. Señor Don Juan de Langara . . . 1799**

**Stock#:** 42359sh  
**Map Maker:** Direccion Hidrografica de Madrid  
**Date:** 1799 circa  
**Place:** Madrid  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 36 x 23 inches  
**Price:** \$ 1,200.00



### **Description:**

Early edition of this important Spanish chart of part of the Bahama Channel and the northern coastline of Cuba, published by the Spanish Admiralty.

First issued in 1799, this example adds rhumb lines not on the earlier state of the chart.

This is the first modern chart of the region, based upon Spanish surveys under the direction of Don Juan de Langara. The chart shows the northern coast of Cuba with the many atolls and islands to the north and along the Old Bahama Channel. Insets: "Plano del fondeadero que forman los cayos de piedras, mono, monillo, y adyacentes" and "Plano del fondeadero que forman los cayos verde y confites."

Juan Francisco de Lángara y Huarte (1736-1806) was a prominent Spanish naval commander, who served for over 50 years in the Spanish Navy, rising to the level of Secretary of the Navy. Under his direction, some of the most important modern surveys in the Gulf Coast, Caribbean and other parts of Spanish America were made. During Lángara's period at the head of the Spanish navy, Spanish explorers were charting the coast of what is now British Columbia, Canada, and, in their charts, named some land formations after him. His name is still found among place names in British Columbia, including Langara Island, off the coast of northern BC, and Langara College in Vancouver.

### **Detailed Condition:**