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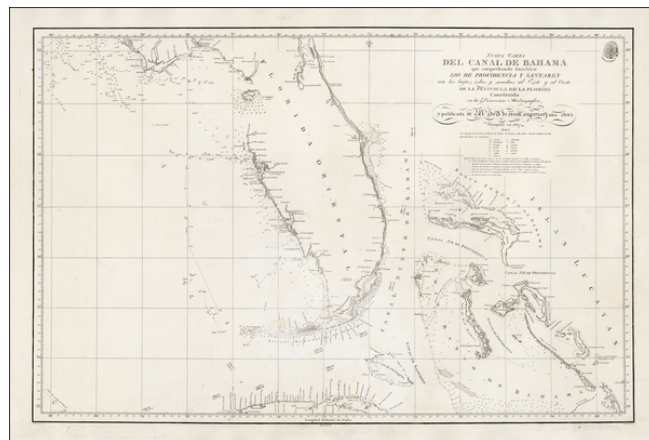
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Nueva Carta Del Canal De Bahama que comprehende tambien Los Providencia y Santaren con los bajos, islas y donsas al Este y al Oeste De La Peninsula De La Florida . . . 1805. Corregida en 1807

Stock#: 42594
Map Maker: Direccion Hidrografica de Madrid
Date: 1807
Place: Madrid
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 34.5 x 23 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Important early 19th Century Sea chart of Florida and the Bahamas, one of the earliest Spanish Sea Charts to focus on the coast of Florida and the Bahamas.

The map offered here is identified as originally published in 1805 and corrected to 1807 and is almost certainly the first detailed map of the region published by the Spanish Hydrographical Office. The map is based largely upon the observations of Dionisio Galiano in the ship *San Fulgencio* (1799).

The Spanish agency, the Dirección de Hidrografía, was set up in the late 18th century to disseminate accurate sailing information, about the same time as the British with their Hydrographic branch of the Royal Navy. The Spanish were of course the first major sponsors of discovery in the Caribbean, the Gulf of Mexico and mainland Florida. As far back as the beginning of the 16th century they had started compiling cartographic information on these regions although the information was maintained as a national secret. Much of the British and French information was published privately.

The map is very rare. OCLC locates copies of the 1807 edition of the map at the Biblioteca Nacional de Espana, British Library, Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, University of Michigan and University of Texas, Arlington.

The Biblioteca Nacional de Espana may also have an example of the 1805 edition, although the entry on line is not clear on the date.



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Detailed Condition:

Tear at the right margin, extending about 3.5 inches. Marginal tear at left center, just reaching printed image and minor split at the center of the map, all of which are expertly repaired on the verso.