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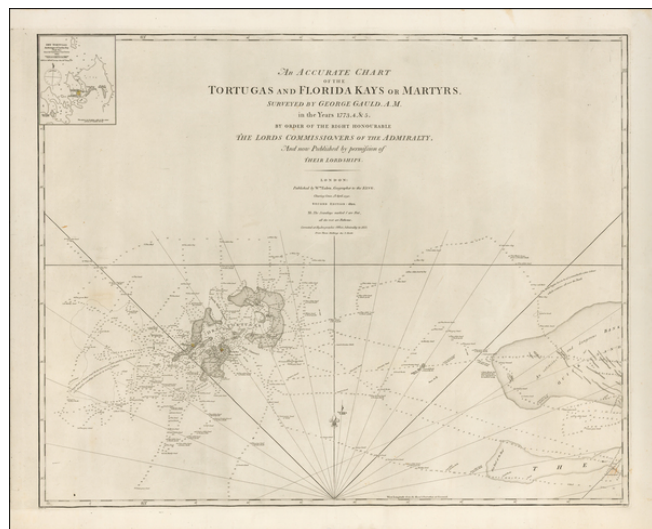
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An Accurate Chart of the Tortugas and Florida Kays or Martyrs, Surveyed by George Gault, A.M. in the Years 1773, 4 & 5, By Order of the Right Honourable The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, And now Published by permission of Their Lordships . . . Corrected . . . to 1835

Stock#: 43675
Map Maker: Faden / British Admiralty / Gault
Date: 1835 (1854 ca)
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 23.5 x 29 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Easternmost Sheet of George Gault's Landmark Chart of the Florida Keys.

On the eve of the American Revolution, George Gault was charged by the British Admiralty with the task of charting the waters off of West Florida. Gault spent 17 years in the Keys and his precise charts and descriptions provide an in-depth view of the Keys during the period of exploration. He charted the extent of benthic habitat in Florida Keys in the 1760s, including coral reefs, seagrass, and mangroves. He was taken prisoner by Spanish forces during the Siege of Pensacola in 1781.

The chart details the reef and islands, as well as the composition of the ocean floor.

The first edition of the chart was issued in 1790. A second edition was issued in 1820, and later corrected in 1835. The present chart includes an inset showing the Anchorages of Garden Kay from an 1854 American Coast Survey chart and was likely issued sometime thereafter, although we can find no record of any edition of this chart issued after 1835, with the exception of a note in a Susannah Fisher catalog, noting an edition revised to 1847.

All states are extremely rare and, in fact, it seems that the first state of 1790 is actually the most common.



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Detailed Condition: