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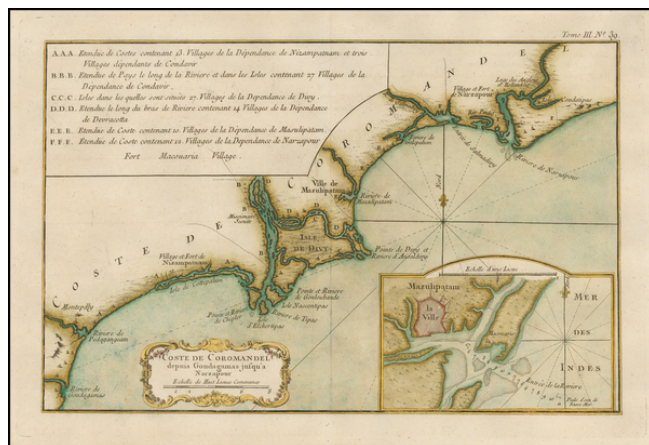
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Coste De Coromandel depuis Gondagamas....

Stock#: 47318
Map Maker: Bellin
Date: 1764
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 13 x 8.5 inches
Price: \$ 295.00



Description:

Finely engraved map of the Coromandel coast of India, from Jacques Nicolas Bellin's *Le Petit Atlas Maritime Recueilli de Cartes et Plans des Quatre Parties du Monde en Cinq Volumes*, first published in Paris in 1764.

The focus is on the area around the Krishna river, and it includes an inset of the fortress town of Mazulipatam (Machilipatnam) just north of the river. There is a key in the upper left enumerating the villages on the coast between the large towns.

Jacques Nicolas Bellin

Jacques Nicolas Bellin (1703-1772) is among the most important mapmakers of the 18th Century.

In 1721, at age 18, he was appointed hydrographer (chief cartographer) to the French Navy. In August 1741, he became the first Ingénieur de la Marine of the Depot des cartes et plans de la Marine (the French Hydrographical Office) and was named Official Hydrographer of the French King.

During his term as Official Hydrographer, the Depot was the single most active center for the production of sea charts and maps, including a large folio format sea-chart of France, the *Neptune Francois*. He also produced a number of sea-atlases of the world, e.g., the *Atlas Maritime* and the *Hydrographie Francaise*. These gained fame, distinction and respect all over Europe and were republished throughout the 18th and even in the succeeding century.

Bellin also came out with smaller format maps such as the 1764 *Petit Atlas Maritime*, containing 580 finely detailed charts. He also contributed many of the maps for Bellin, to the 15 volume *Histoire Generale des*



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Voyages of Antoine François Prévost or simply known l'Abbe Prevost.

Bellin set a very high standard of workmanship and accuracy, thus gaining for France a leading role in European cartography and geography. Many of his maps were copied by other mapmakers of Europe.

Detailed Condition: