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Curacao (with Fort Amsterdam inset)

Stock#: 53828
Map Maker: Lucas Jr.
Date: 1823
Place: Baltimore
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 12 x 8.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

With Gallows Shown in Fort Amsterdam!

Scarce map of Curacao with a large inset of Fort Amsterdam by Fielding Lucas Jr., which appeared in his *General Atlas*, as well as his *A New General Atlas of the West India Islands*.

Lucas's map is the first detailed commercial map of Curacao published in America. The map depicts the roads, towns and interior topographic details of the island, including fresh water areas, plantations, wells and "mounts."

The inset map provides a fine account of the Fort and anchorage, along with two short wharves, one on either side of the bay. Even the location of the Gallows is shown.

The map is quite scarce on the market.

Fielding Lucas, Jr.

Fielding Lucas, Jr. (1781-1854) was a prominent American cartographer, engraver, artist, and public figure during the first half of the 19th century.

Lucas was born in Fredericksburg, Virginia and moved to Philadelphia as a teenager, before settling in Baltimore. There he launched a successful cartographic career. Lucas's first atlas was announced in early-to mid-1812, with production taking place between September 1812 and December of 1813, by which



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point the engravings were complete. Bound copies of the atlas -- *A new and elegant general atlas: Containing maps of each of the United States* -- were available early in the next year, beating Carey to market by about two months. Lucas later published *A General Atlas Containing Distinct Maps Of all the known Countries in the World* in the early 1820s.

Detailed Condition:

Old color.