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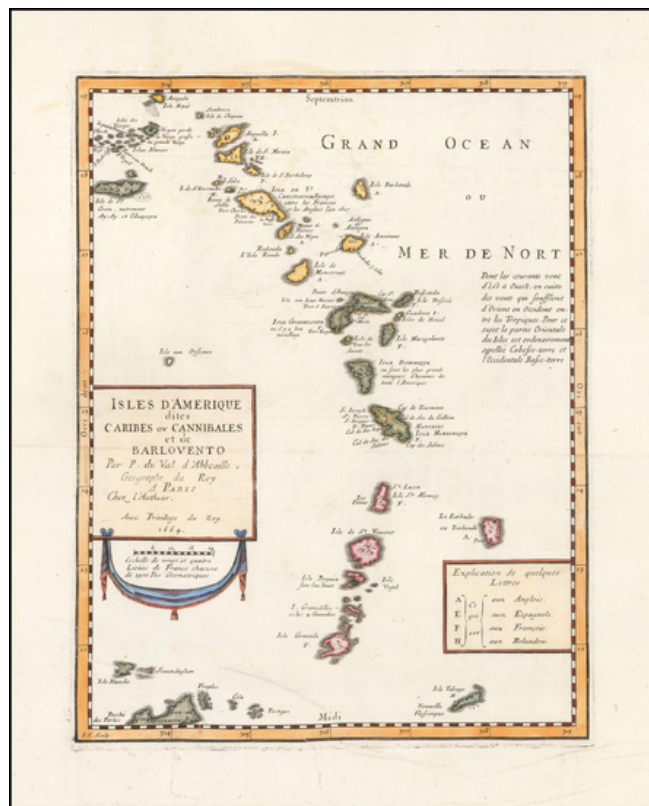
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Stock#: 54710
Map Maker: Du Val
Date: 1664
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 10.2 x 13.2 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of Pierre Du Val's map of the Virgin Islands and the Windward Islands.

The map covers the Lesser Antilles from the Virgin Islands to Margarita Island off the coast of Venezuela. The map identifies Virgin Gorda (Virgen gorda).

This is the second state of the map (including the 1664 dating), which was likely published as early as 1659. Later editions were issued until at least 1677, the latest recorded date on the map.

In the second state of the map, Du Val abandons the "Sanson" shape for Martinique and reshapes it in more of a "Potato" shape.

As of 1664, Saint Martin was still a Spanish possession. By the 1677 edition, it becomes French and Dutch. The Island of Dominica is still not settled and therefore not shown as a colonial possession.



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The first edition of the map bears the imprint of Jean Somer Pruthenus, which is removed in later editions, suggesting that the re-engraving work was done by Du Val himself. While the map deviates significantly from Dutch and English sources, some Dutch terms remain on the map (Egat van Drack in the Virgin Islands, for example).

Rarity

The map is quite scarce on the market. This is the first example we have offered in 25 years.

Detailed Condition: