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Havana Surveyed By Comodore D. Antonio de Arevalo and Lieuts. D.Eduardo Failde & D. Manuel Costilla of the Spanish Navy 1854. Copied from the Chart published at Madrid in 1855.

Stock#: 58462
Map Maker: British Admiralty
Date: 1863
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: Good
Size: 38 x 24 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A British Chart of Havana In the Year of Its Enlargement

Rare British Admiralty Chart of Havana, drawn from Spanish sources.

The map provides a fine modern image of the City and Harbor of Havana updated to the time of the American Civil War.

The year 1863 is an important year in Havana's history, being the year in which the Spanish colonial authorities demolished the walls of the old fortified city, so that the city could be enlarged in an orderly fashion.

The timing of the production of the chart may relate to the *Trent Affair*. At the outside of the American Civil War, two American Confederate Diplomats, James Murray Mason and John Slidell, were captured by the Americans aboard the RMS Trent, which they had boarded in an attempt to transit from Charleston to Havana to Europe, where they had planned negotiations with the British and French Governments on behalf of the Confederacy.

During the war, Havana would become a center for blockade runners seeking to export cotton from the Confederate States to the European markets, most notably from Mobile to Havana.

Detailed Condition:



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