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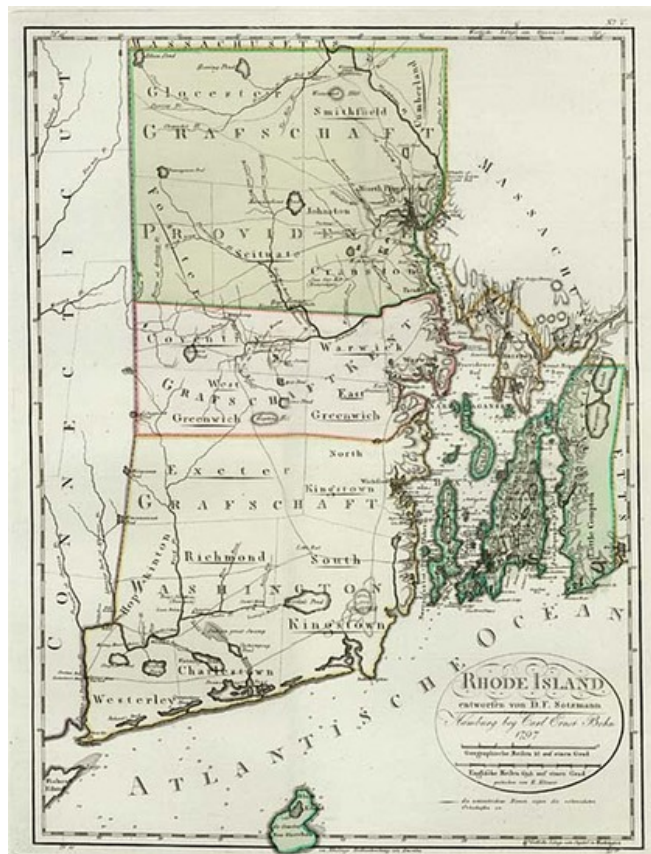
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**Rhode Island entworfen von D.F. Sotzmann...1797**

**Stock#:** 6240  
**Map Maker:** Sotzmann  
**Date:** 1797  
**Place:** Hamburg  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** Fine  
**Size:** 19 x 14 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



**Description:**

Rare large format map engraved by Sotzmann for Christopher Ebeling's *Erdbeschreibung von Amerika*. Ebeling was a German who undertook an exhaustive study of America, which became a serial publication. After studying the work of a number of engravers he selected Sotzmann to engrave a set of maps of the states of the United States. Unfortunately, due to an extended illness, Ebeling did not finish the project and only completed 10 of the maps were published. However, his *Atlas of America*, despite its aborted. Walter Ristow states that only a handful of North American institutions have examples of all ten maps, making the series among the rarest cartographic Americana for the closing decade of the 18th Century. The state maps that were completed were among the best available at the time in terms of scale and level of detail. The map provides excellent topographical and political detail, including land holdings of several individuals. Shows meeting houses, shipyards, soundings, ponds, and a host of other details. A flawless unfolded copy, with immense clean margins. An essential map for Rhode Island and New England collectors.



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