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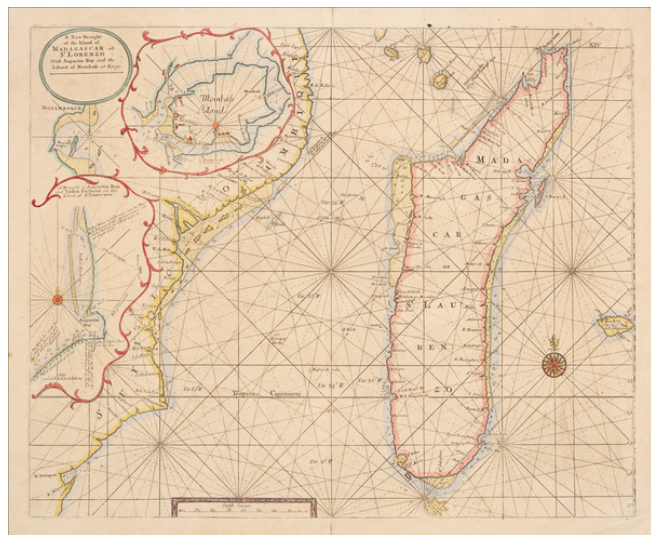
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A New Draught of the Island of Madagascar ats St. Lorenzo With Augustin Bay and the Island of Mombass at Large

Stock#: 64969
Map Maker: Thornton
Date: 1734
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 21 x 17 inches
Price: \$1,200.00



Description:

Scarce engraved sea chart of the coast of coast of Mozambique and the island of Madagascar with three insets of important ports north of Mozambique.

This is an important map for Kenya as well, as it shows "Mombass Island", now Mombasa, with a pictorial depiction of the urban development there. Several forts and churches are shown. Houses, flags, and anchorages are also depicted.

The coast of Madagascar is shown in great detail, with soundings and reefs depicted.

Reunion is shown at the far right of the map, called "I. Burbon" as was the French convention at the time.

The present example of the map is from the 1734 edition of Mount & Page's publication of the *English Pilot, the Third Book*, which was the definitive English-language sea chart book for the voyage to the East Indies when it was first introduced in the 17th century. *The English Pilot, The Third Book* is very scarce on the market; the last example to appear at auction was sold for over 150,000 euros.

This state of the map obliterates the imprint found below the title.

Samuel Thornton (d. 1715) was the son of and heir to John Thornton, the preeminent English mapmaker of the last quarter of the 17th century. After John's death in 1708, Samuel continued his business, updating



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the imprints to include his own name. After that, many of the plates passed to Richard Mount and Thomas Page.

Detailed Condition: