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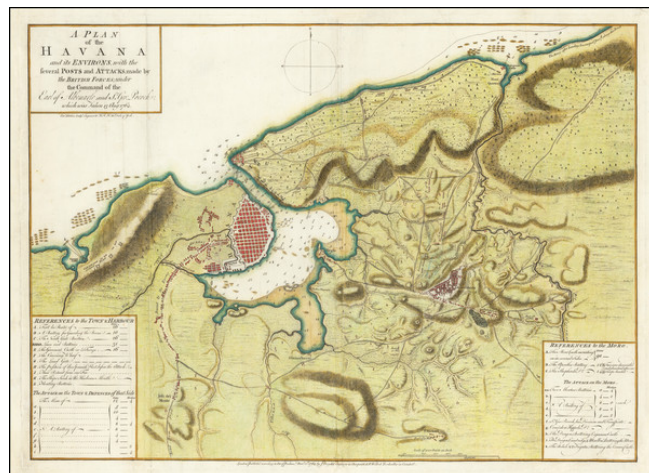
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A Plan of the Havana and its Environs with the several Posts and Attacks made by British Forces under the Command of the Earl of Albemarle and Sr. Geo: Pocock: ... 1762

Stock#: 66471
Map Maker: Kitchin
Date: 1762
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: Good
Size: 24 x 17 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Perhaps the First Separate Map of the 1762 Siege of Havana.

Extremely rare separately issued map of showing the British Siege of Havana, at the tail end of the French & Indian War.

This map, published November 1, 1762, by John Boydell and R. Willock, is perhaps the earliest separately issued printed map of the siege. It includes 2 keys, which include references to the town and harbor, details on the attack of the town and its defenses, and a separate key with references to the Morro and details of its attack and defenses. Marvelous topographical detail. Includes ship positions, soundings, and other information.

Colonel Howe's position above the city is labeled.

Spain and Cuba in the French and Indian War

Although deeply suspicious of England's expanding commercial interests, Spain at first remained neutral in the Seven Years War. Lured by the promise of Minorca and Gibraltar, however, Charles III of Spain declared war against England in January 1762. Spain's timing was poor. England's naval supremacy had already given her the upper hand in the West Indies, and in June a large British fleet landed an army near Havana. Yellow fever and malaria took a heavy toll on these forces, but reinforcements under the Command of the Earl of Albemarle made it possible to continue the siege of Morro Castle, the key to



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Havana harbor. The castle fell on July 30, forcing the city to surrender two weeks later.

Rarity

The plan is extremely rare, with only one example appearing in a dealer catalog or at auction in the past 30 years (Bonhams June 8, 1999; Lot 339).

We have located examples at the Biblioteca Nacional José Martí (Cuba), Massachusetts Historical Society, and the National Maritime Museum.

This is the second example of the map that we have handled; the first was in 2006.

Detailed Condition:

Cleaned. Some vertical creases.