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## [Sea Atlas] Great-Britain's Coasting Pilot: Being a New Exact Survey of the Sea-Coast of England and Scotland From the River of Thames to the Westward and Northward; with the Islands of Scilly, And from Thence to Carlisle; Likewise The Islands of Orkney and Shetland . . .

**Stock#:** 70378  
**Map Maker:** Collins  
**Date:** 1779  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 13 x 19.5 inches Book Size  
**Price:** \$ 6,500.00



### Description:

A nice example of probably the most famous chartbook for the British Isles, by Greenville Collins, who was a Royal Navy officer and prominent hydrographer during the 17th century.

Collins's *Coasting Pilot* was the first comprehensive survey of the country's coasts undertaken by a Briton. Collins undertook his survey from 1681 to 1693, using HMS *Merlin*, among other vessels.

The atlas includes detailed charts of the ports, harbors, coasts, and other features of Britain and Scotland, printed on thick paper.

### Rarity

This is a rare late edition of *Great-Britain's Coasting Pilot*; OCLC lists only two copies of this 1779 edition, at the National Maritime Museum, and the National Library of Sweden.

### Detailed Condition:

Folio. Contemporary full vellum. [2], 30 pp., blank leaf. With added engraved pictorial title page; 48 engraved plates, including 42 double-page charts, 2 single page charts, 2 inserted folding charts on smaller paper, 1 double-page plate, and 1 single-page plate of coastal views; 1 in-text engraved chart.



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Folding letterpress description of Scilly inserted, as issued. Some discoloration and wear to vellum, but sound; a few repairs to title page, occasional minor soiling, foxing and aging within, one fold-out plate ill-creased. Very Good to Very Good+