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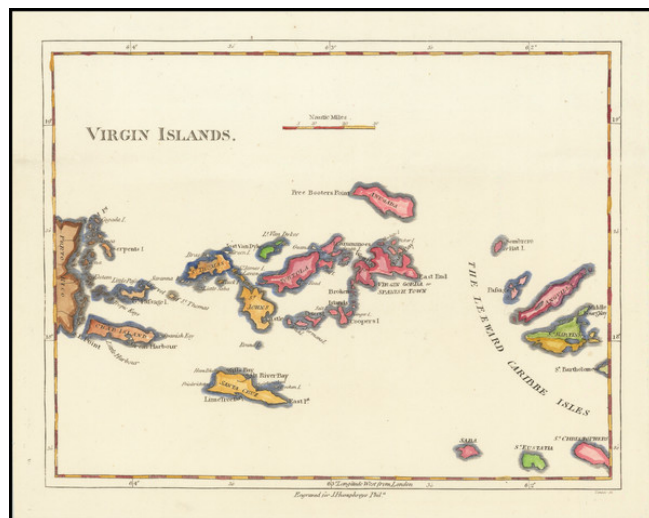
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Virgin Islands [First Map of the Virgin Island Published In America]

Stock#: 70701
Map Maker: Humphreys
Date: 1806
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 9 x 7 inches
Price: \$ 1,200.00



Description:

The First Map of the Virgin Islands Published in America

Detailed map of the Virgin Islands, published in Philadelphia by Humphreys and engraved by Benjamin Tanner.

Extends from the east coast of Puerto Rico to St. Barts, centered on Tortola, St. Johns, Saint Croix and Virgin Gorda.

James Humphreys (1748-1810) was an ambitious Philadelphia printer who began printing prior to the Revolution. His unwillingness to openly side with the American cause during the war resulted in his being labeled as a Loyalist, which had a somewhat negative impact on his later career.

He left Philadelphia with the British, moving to New York and then later to England and Nova Scotia before returning to Philadelphia in 1797 to reestablish his press.

Detailed Condition: