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Colton's West Indies [Bermuda and Havana insets]

Stock#: 71868
Map Maker: Colton
Date: 1855
Place: New York
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 15.5 x 13 inches
Price: \$ 125.00



Description:

An 1855 edition of Colton's map of the West Indies which was published nearly yearly from 1855 to 1865 and more occasionally until at least 1874. It is a detailed map of the islands of the Caribbean showing Florida and Central America. The map includes many islands, banks, settlement names and more as well as some annotations, for example, labeling San Salvador [Cat Island] as the site of Columbus's landing.

This map was made after Colton and Johnson's earlier wall map of North America. It shows all of the Greater and Lesser Antilles, as well as the Florida mainland into Georgia and large parts of Central America. This edition includes an inset map of the Bermuda Islands and a map of Havana Harbor. The map of Havana is detailed, showing neighborhoods, forts, and railways.

This copy colors Caribbean territories islands according to their allegiance. Red represents British Islands [and Belize], while yellow is used for Spanish lands. Several islands are blue and labeled French including Haiti, though the latter was independent at the time. Dominica is shown in yellow, likely representing its independent status.

The map is distinguishable from other editions by the numbering in the bottom left and the lack of a decorative border.

Detailed Condition: