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Port, Baye Cul de Sac Royal | Cartagene | Isle des Barbades | Port de Porto Belo

Stock#: 74495
Map Maker: Buache
Date: 1740
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 12.5 x 9.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare Plans and Harbor Charts of the Caribbean

Rare set of harbor charts, drawn from Henry Popple's 20-sheet map of the British Colonies in North America. French, British, and Spanish possessions are shown, including Cartagena, the island of Martinique, Barbados, and Porto Belo in northern Panama. This work originally appeared in Buache's rare *Plans des Isle, Rades, et Ports de Plusieurs Lieux de l'Amerique*.

The maps are very detailed, with the harbor and coastal charts showing numerous depth soundings and toponyms. The map of Barbados appears to divide the island up into parishes and shows and names numerous coastal features.

While the maker of this map is not formally identified, we infer from the initials (PB), the date of the map, the privilege, and the address on the map "Quay de la Megisserie au St. Esprit pres le Pont Neuf," that the maker must be Philippe Buache. He credits the design for this map on the inset charts which appear on the right side of Popple's 1733 *Map of the British Empire in North America*. Buache has evidently sought to make use of the Popple charts for a French audience, translating the English text, enlarging the maps to make them more useful for navigation, and adding a French mileage scale (for some).

This is one of the earliest obtainable maps to incorporate the views from Popple's map.

Detailed Condition:



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