[Jamestown, Saint Helena] Plan de la Forteresse et Bourg, De L'Isle De St. Helene

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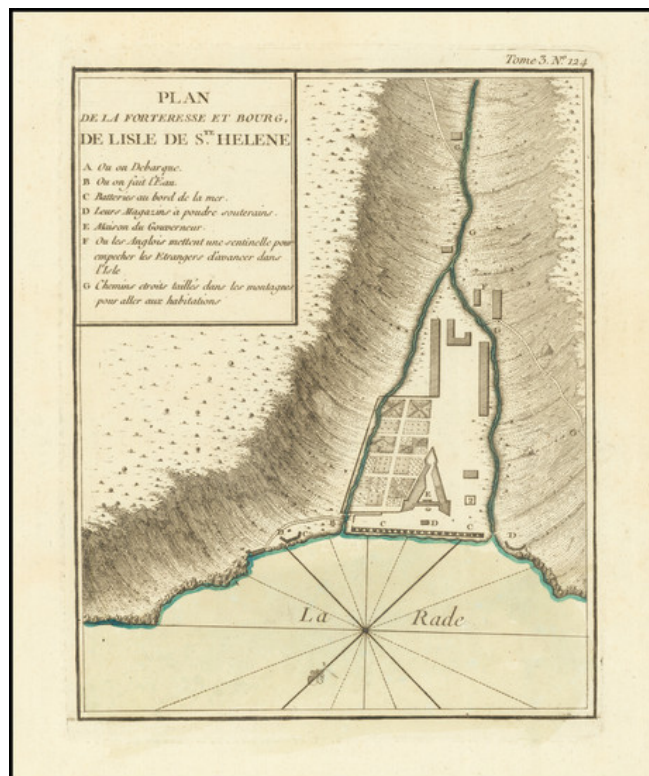**Place:**   Paris
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Size: 7 x 9 inches

Price: $ 175.00

Description:

Finely executed plan of the Harbor and Fortress at Saint Helena, published by Nicolas Bellin. Located at the end of a deep valley, Jamestown is shown with a fort and several other buildings. An index in the upper left names six points of interest. The map marks stone paths carved into the side of the mountain in order to reach the island's large central plateau.

The map appeared in Bellin's monumental 5 volume *Petit Atlas Maritime*.

Jamestown and the Island of Saint Helena

The East India Company received a charter to govern Saint Helena from Oliver Cromwell in 1657, making Saint Helena one of Britain's earliest colonies in the eastern hemisphere. After the Restoration, the fort would be renamed after King James II, giving the island's capital its present name.

The 17th and early 18th century saw limited development of the island, with the population growing to 1,110 with common unrest and rebellion. At the time, the island's economy was driven by the thousands of

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ships that stopped each year at the island.

From about 1770, the island prospered, thanks to the attempts of governors to plant trees and undertake other betterment projects. In 1771, Captain Cook's *Endeavour* would stop at Saint Helena upon its return from the east coast of Australia.

Detailed Condition:
Original hand-color.