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## (Freetown, Sierra Leone) Carte de l'Entree de la Riviere de Sierra Leona | Plan de l'Isle de Bense

**Stock#:** 77765  
**Map Maker:** Bellin  
**Date:** 1760  
**Place:** Paris  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 6.75 x 8.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 175.00



### Description:

Attractive original 18th-century navigational chart for the Sierra Leone River estuary in western Africa. The estuary shows the area which has now developed into Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone.

The upper map shows the downstream part of the estuary, with numerous depth soundings, coastal features, and sandbars all labeled, which would have been of use to sea captains. The lower map shows the island of Bense, which is upstream of Freetown near the city of Pepel.

The colonies of Freetown and Sierra Leone would become, soon after the creation of this map, a settlement for ex-slaves. The country remained a British colony until 1961.

### Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color. Some toning.