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A Correct Chart of the Irish Sea, &c. exhibiting a View of the several Islands & Bays lately touch'd at by M. Thurot, in his Attempt upon Ireland

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Map Maker: Gibson

Date: 1760
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
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Description:

Tracking A French Pirate in the Irish Sea

Interesting sea chart of Ireland and western England, illustrating the adventures of Francois Thurot during the Seven Years War.

An area in St. George's Channel is labeled *The Nymph Bank*.

A tiny fleet of ships is located between the Isle of Man and Belfast.

Francois Thurot

François Thurot (1727-1760) was a French privateer, merchant naval captain and smuggler who terrorized British shipping in the early part of the Seven Years' War.

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During the Seven Years War, Thurot engaged in a successful campaign against British Merchant vessels, until he met his demise off the Coast of the Isle of Man in 1760. Three British ships caught up with Thurot's squadron in 1760, anchored at the entrance of Luce Bay. To avoid being trapped in the bay, Thurot's squadron set sail for the south-east, towards the Isle of Man. At about sunrise the leader of the British squadron, Aeolus caught up with the Maréchal de Belle-Isle and battle began. After the first broadsides, Thurot tried unsuccessfully to grapple Aeolus so he could use his troops to board. Next Aeolus fired a second broadside, and neatly fell back so that the other two Royal Navy vessels could also fire at the Belle-Isle. Then Aeolus resumed the fight, while Pallas and Brilliant went to deal with the remaining French vessels, one of which, Terpsichore attempted to escape but was easily caught by Pallas.

Thurot was killed about the time of the second broadside, apparently by a musket-ball, and after a boarding party eventually got aboard, his crew surrendered.

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