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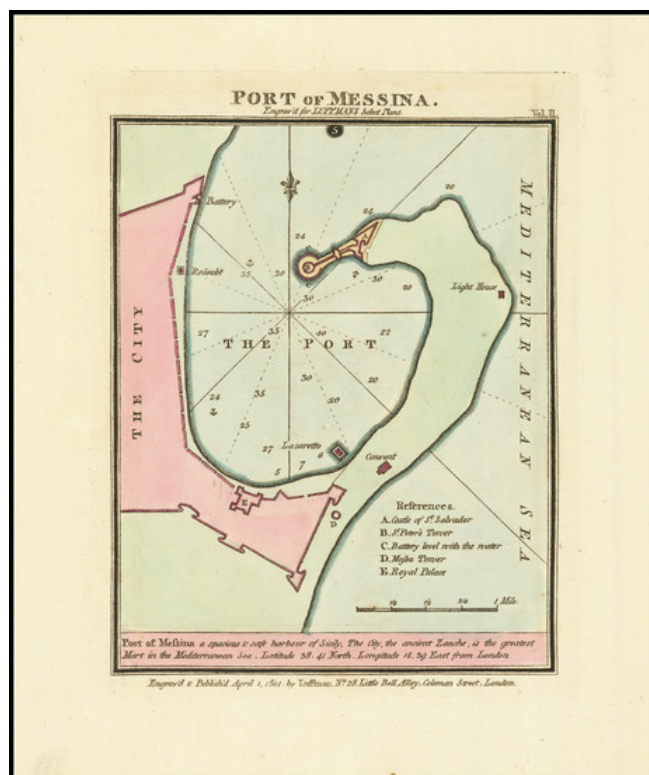
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## Port of Messina.

**Stock#:** 80904  
**Map Maker:** Luffman  
**Date:** 1801  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 5 x 6.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 195.00



### Description:

Fine original antique map of Messina, Sicily, published by John Luffman in 1800 for his *Select Plans*.

The map attractively lays out the port of Messina, showing the city in pink, a convent outside the city walls, and a lazaretto (sick house) on an island in the bay. Also shown are the city's battery and a redoubt, soundings in the port, and other useful information for the average traveler.

Messina is here described as "a spacious and safe harbor of Sicily." It is directly across its eponymous strait from the Italian mainland and known for its old, winding streets in the Sicilian foothills.

Luffman's *Select Plans* is an uncommon traveler's guide that served to educate the intrepid traveler regarding any part of the world, from the major cities of Europe to the wild coasts of the Spice Islands. Each of Luffman's maps contained detailed coastal descriptions showing the major landmarks and cities, as well as basic but necessary navigational information. This plate appeared in the second of Luffman's two volumes.



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