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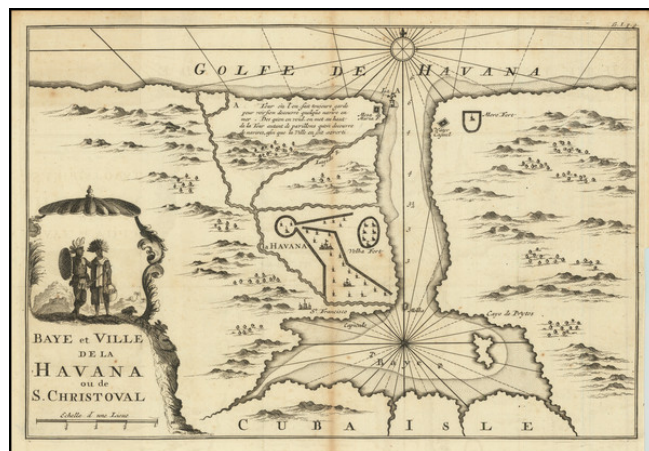
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[Havana] Baye et Ville De Havana ou S. Christoval

Stock#: 87966
Map Maker: Mortier
Date: 1702
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 12.5 x 8.5 inches
Price: \$ 750.00



Description:

Rare Map of Havana (Cuba) first published by Pierre Mortier in 1702, during the War of Spanish Succession.

The map features the city and harbor of Havana, Cuba.

Founded in 1513, Havana had become a sizeable city that was considered the be the most 'European' and sophisticated city in the Americas. The large natural harbor is shown to be guarded by the Velha Fort and the Moro Fort (the latter a great stone edifice built in 1589). During the time that this map was made, the city's distinctive city walls were in the process of being built. Havana was critically important, as it was the final terminus for the Spanish galleons before they transited the Atlantic for Spain. Always a key target for the British, it was not successfully besieged until 1762.

Th map was originally issued as part of a set of three harbor maps which appeared in Pierre Mortier's *Les forces de 'Europe, Asie, Afrique et Amerique ou description des principales villes, avec leurs fortifications...* (Amsterdam in 1702).

Detailed Condition: