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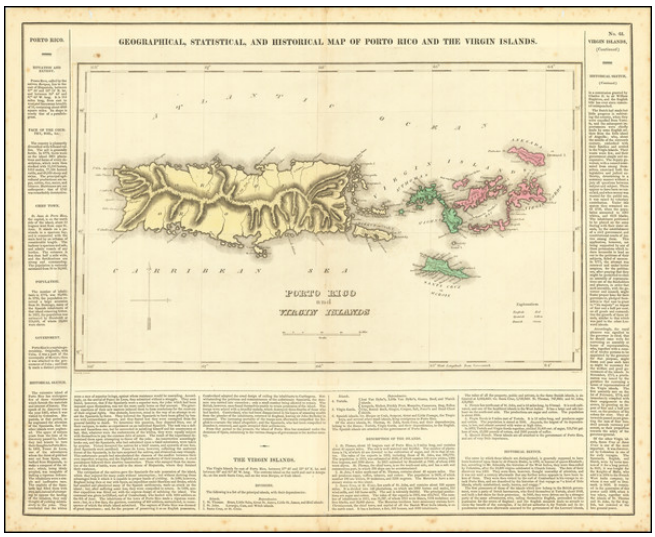
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Geographical, Statistical and Historical Map of Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands

Stock#: 88389
Map Maker: Carey & Lea

Date: 1822
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 21 x 16.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

A nice detailed map of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, from the first edition of Carey & Lea's *American Atlas*. This is one of the most detailed maps of the Virgin Islands to appear in a commercial atlas. The lengthy narrative text below includes details about the islands, climates, towns, soils, government, and history of both Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. This map is increasingly rare on the market.

The map names many islands and settlements, and shows rivers, mountains, straits, and more. All of the Virgin Islands are visible. Islands are identified as English (red), Spanish (yellow), and Danish (green). Notes of particular interest include the detailed description of each of the Virgin Islands, the lavishing tone describing early British settlers and their methods of governance on these islands, and the surprisingly detailed data presented regarding Puerto Rico.

Carey & Lea's *American Atlas* is highly prized not only for its cartographic information but for the marvelous information about each of the states and territories which is included. The atlas was issued in six editions in English, French & German between 1822 and 1827. While earlier hand-colored atlases had been issued in the United States (for instance by Fielding Lucas Jr., who also worked as an engraver on the present volume), Carey and Lea's was by far the most popular and important of the first wave of American atlases. The book introduced a format that would be widely copied thereafter, in the atlases of Buchon in France, Weiland in Germany, and Garcia Cubas, in Mexico.

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