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The Island of Jamaica Divided into its Principal Parishes with the Roads &c.....

Stock#: 93806
Map Maker: Moll
Date: 1728
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 11 x 8 inches
Price: \$ 245.00



Description:

Excellent English map of Jamaica, published by Herman Moll.

The Spanish colonized the island in the early 16th century, bringing with them African slaves to work the land.

In the mid-17th century, the English captured Jamaica from the Spanish, and it became a vital colony for the British Empire. The English established plantations on the island, growing crops such as sugar, tobacco, and coffee. The production of sugar was particularly significant, and it became the dominant agricultural product in Jamaica during the 18th century.

The name "Jamaica" has its origins in the Arawak language, the indigenous people who lived on the island before the arrival of the Europeans. The Arawaks called the island "Xaymaca," which means "land of wood and water." The name was later anglicized to "Jamaica." However, Moll's map references the original name of the island as St. Jago (from Columbus), changed to Jamaica to honor James, the Duke of York.

Moll's map of Jamaica was created in the early 18th century, around the time when sugar production was at its peak. The map shows the precincts or parishes of the island, which were administrative divisions used by the English to govern Jamaica, each with its own local government and a courthouse.

The major parishes on the map include Kingston, Port Royal, St. Andrew, St. Catherine, and Clarendon. These were the most populous parishes, and they were also the major centers of trade and commerce. The map also shows the island's major rivers, mountains, and harbors, which were crucial for transportation and commerce.



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The map is significant because it provides a visual representation of the island's economy during the 1720s. The map shows the locations of plantations, as well as the ports where these products were shipped to other parts of the world. The map also shows the location of Fort Charles, which was a key defense point for the English against attacks from other European powers.

Detailed Condition: