Fine American Maps, Charts & Views

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North American Maps

Danckerts’ Americas with the Island of California

1. [Americas.] Danckerts. Recentissima Novi Orbis sive Americae Septentrionalis et Meridioalis Tabula. c. 1696. Amsterdam. 19 1/2 x 23.” Outline color and partially colored cartouche. Laid down on archival tissue curing minor chipping in the margins and a few small holes. Light staining at upper and lower right; errant traces of red ink/paint to the left of Cape Verde. Not perfect, but a very presentable example.

   A very attractive, late 17th century map of the Americas, with California as an island. The map is derived directly from de Wit's c.1675 map. Five Great Lakes are shown and named, although Lakes Michigan and Superior are left open to the west. Burden, The Mapping of North America II: 725, State 2. McLaughlin, The Mapping of California as an Island: 123. [Item no. 3475.] $2,250.00.

Wonderful Des Barres Chart: Beaver Harbour, Nova Scotia

2. [Canada: Nova Scotia.] Des Barres, J.F.W. Spry Harbour/Port Palliser/Port North/Port Parker/Beaver Harbour/Fleming River. 1779. [London]: From The Atlantic Neptune. About 28 x 38 1/2.” Moderate offsetting. Two tears of about 1 1/2” each in lower margin near centerfold, not extending into image.

   A dramatic chart from The Atlantic Neptune of a portion of the Nova Scotia coast approximately 50 miles northeast of Halifax. The chart includes three of the presentation elements that make Des Barres' charts so compelling -- the detailed cartography, the ornately presented sailing directions and the artistic approach view. In this case, the inset view just above the lower neat line shows a number of sailing ships off Cape Spry, Beaver Isles and Westernmost Ledge of Pegasus Wing. The imprint date is March 11, 1779. Stevens, Catalogue of the Atlantic Neptune: 441. Sellers & Van Ee, Maps and Charts of North America and the West Indies, 1750-1789: 444 (fifth state). [Item no. 3014.] $1,500.00.
St. Simon’s Sound with Jekyll Island


A richly detailed chart of the entrance to the Turtle River including a street grid for the town of Brunswick. Alexander Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth's brother, is credited with the triangulation and topography of the chart. The only feature identified on Jekyll [sic] Island is Dubignon's House. Detailed sailing directions appear just to the left of the title. The chart is dated 1860; notes on it indicate it was prepared between 1855 and 1860, and buoys were corrected to 1875. [Item no. 3589.] $300.00.

Melish’s Map of Kentucky in 1812

4. [Kentucky.] Melish, John. Kentucky. [1812.] Philadelphia.: Printed for the Author... and by Thomas & George Palmer... 7 7/8 x 14 5/8.” Very strong impression. Professionally conserved; laid down on rice paper correcting fold separations and tears. Two small areas of paper infill with loss of 2 letters at Mille[rs]burg.

This nicely detailed small map of Kentucky appeared in Melish's Travels in the United States of America, in the Years 1806 & 1807, and 1809, 1810, & 1811... Beneath the lower neat line: "Drawn by J. Melish" (at left) and "J. Vallance sc." (at right). Melish was one of the early American pioneers of commercial cartography, often reusing and repackaging his maps in different publications. Ristow describes him as "one of the most energetic and competent commercial publishers of his day." (Ristow, American Maps and Mapmakers: p. 110.) Rumsey Collection: List no. 2341.005. [Item no. 3579.] $675.00.

French Edition of Southack’s Caso Bay


The roots of this attractive -- but hydrographically imprecise -- chart may be traced to Captain Cyprian Southack, who explored Portland harbor in 1698. Southack published his chart in London in 1720 and it appeared, with minor modifications, in many editions of The English Pilot between 1721 and the 1790s. Here it has been appropriated by the French, where it appeared in Neptune Americo-Septentrional at the time of the American Revolution. By the time this French version appeared, the British had vastly superior charts of Casco Bay that were included in The Atlantic Neptune. Sellers & Van Ee, Maps and Charts of North America and the West Indies, 1750-1789: 843 (1780 copy 2, with plate number 9 just above the lower right neat line). For the history of the Southack chart: Osher Map Library, The Cartographic Creation of New England (online catalogue): Part III. [Item no. 3525.] $1,750.00.
Des Barres’ Casco Bay to Seguin

6. [Maine: Casco Bay.] Des Barres, Joseph Frederick Wallet. [The Harbours and Rivers between Portland Point and Stage Island.] circa 1780. London: From The Atlantic Neptune. Two sheets, joined; overall image area: approximately 29 1/2 x 42." Minor paper losses confined to lower blank margin with a tiny loss of outer neat line at extreme lower right. Prominent water staining along 1 to 8" of right edge of chart. Lesser damp staining in upper blank margin. Paper tanned and somewhat brittle. No issues with printed image area. A nice example overall and well worth a modest conservation investment.

This is a wonderful chart of the coast of Maine between Cape Elizabeth and Popham from the early Revolutionary War period. It includes all of Casco Bay (naming the larger islands) and extends east to include Seguin ("Segevin Island") and Georgetown Islands. Among the numerous geographic features named are Great Jebieg (Chebeague), Merrymeeting Bay, Segadahock River, Arrowsick Island and Halfway Road (i.e., Rock). Roads are shown on the chart, as are individual buildings. The chart has the Bates watermark and is dated July___ 1776 (i.e., with a prominent space after the month as if a date were going to be inserted). According to the Stevens Catalogue, this is state "c*", which was issued on Bates paper but without the engraved number (**7) at the upper right. (There is no evidence of a pasted-on slip with "***7" as Stevens mentions.) A very desirable chart. Stevens, Catalogue of the Atlantic Neptune: 105, State: c*. Sellers & Van Ee, Maps and Charts of North America and the West Indies, 1750-1789: 855. [Item no. 3541.] $4,000.00.

Chart of the Disastrous Penobscot Expedition


A wonderfully detailed chart of the disastrous (for the Americans) "Penobscot Expedition." The August, 1779 battle at Castine, Maine was the most significant military and naval action in Maine during the American Revolution. The outcome was a stinging defeat of the Americans by a much smaller English force. Paul Revere, who commanded the artillery forces, and Dudley Saltonstall, who commanded the naval forces, both faced court martials as a result of the fiasco. This chart is heavily annotated with descriptions of the battle and the British ships are individually named. It is an exquisite piece of Maine history during the War for Independence. Nebenzahl, A Bibliography of Printed Battle Plans of the American Revolution 1775-1795: 40. Thompson: Important Maine Maps, Books, Prints and Ephemera: 9 (illustrated). [Item no. 3538.] SOLD.

Very Scarce Boston Harbor Chart, circa 1756


A handsome and very uncommon chart of Boston from the French and Indian War era. The chart encompasses all of Boston harbor from Nahant to Hingham. An elongated Boston Neck is quaintly illustrated with small buildings. Channels are shown and soundings are given, indicating that
this was intended to be a working chart. The approximate date of the chart is derived from two facts: (1) Rigaudiere was the captain of a French frigate that sailed for Louisbourg in April, 1755, and (2) Le Rouge published a chart of Louisbourg harbor, also drawn by Rigaudiere, presumably on that 1755 voyage. The chart is not described in any of the standard cartobibliographies. The only institutional holders of the chart we can locate are the Boston Public Library, Yale University and the Staatliche Bibliothek Regensburg. A superb example of a rare Boston chart. [Item no. 3433.] $12,500.00.

Boston Just before the Start of the American Revolution


This little gem of a map incorporates the coast of Massachusetts from the North Shore to the South Shore, with good detail of Boston harbor and its islands. A large inset at the upper left portrays the town of Boston with nice street detail, naming many of the main streets and other features (including the Liberty Tree on Boston Common). A numeric key locates the twelve wards in the Town, and an alphabetic key identifies twelve important buildings, such as Faneuil Hall and Old South Meeting [House]. This map would have been of great interest to the British public as Boston was undoubtedly much in the news following the December, 1773 "tea party." Jolly, Maps of America in Periodicals before 1800: 251. [Item no. 3567.] $750.00.
Boston in 1775 – A Wonderfully Informative Map

10. [Massachusetts: Boston.] [American Revolution.]. Thirty Miles Round Boston, by M. Armstrong Geo, 14th Augst 1775. [Edinburgh.]: From the August, 1775 issue of The Scots Magazine. 10 1/8 x 10 1/8.” Original fold lines and some light age toning; very good.

With the battles of Lexington, Concord and Bunker Hill taking place in the spring of 1775, European magazine editors sought to acquaint their readers with the geography of the greater Boston area. The editors of the Scots Magazine acquitted themselves very nicely in this regard by producing this very informative map. The map shows six concentric circles radiating from Boston proper at five mile intervals to assist in judging distances. At the upper right corner an inset map depicts the Bunker Hill battle. And the lower left and right corners of the map present "Memorable Occurrences," beginning with the destruction of tea at Boston in December, 1773 through the Bunker Hill battle in June, 1775. A note just above the lower neat line summarizes the British troop strength in Boston as of August 1, 1775: “1 Regt. Horses, 14 Foot, 2000 Marines & 6 Comys of Artillery." This is probably the most informative of the several European magazine maps that addressed the situation in Boston at the start of the American Revolution. It is also, in our experience, the most difficult to acquire. Jolly, Maps of America in Periodicals before 1800: 277. Nebenzahl, A Bibliography of Printed Battle Plans of the American Revolution 1775-1795: 26. [Item no. 3503.] $2,750.00.
Classic Map of the Battle of Bunker Hill


Originally published by William Faden shortly after the battle in 1775, this highly detailed battle plan of the action at Bunker and Breed's Hills appeared in Stedman's History of the American War published in London in 1793. The present example includes the often-missing overlay which permits the map to show two phases of the battle.

The Bunker Hill battle would prove to be the bloodiest single engagement of the entire Revolutionary War. Although the British ultimately succeeded in taking the American positions in Charlestown, the British losses were devastating, and they pursued no further military action in the Boston area. Also as a result of the battle, General Thomas Gage was relieved of his command and replaced by General William Howe. Two days after the battle, George Washington was named Commander-in-Chief by the Continental Congress. For the Faden version of the map, see Nebenzahl, A Bibliography of Printed Battle Plans of the American Revolution 1775-1795: 29 and Sellers & Van Ee, Maps and Charts of North America and the West Indies, 1750-1789: 934. [Item no. 3564.] $2,400.00.

Detail from: A Plan of the Action at Bunkers Hill, on the 17th of June, 1775...
Early View of Boston Light


There are very few 18th century American printed images of lighthouses. One is the unobtainable 1729 Burgis mezzotint of Boston Light. Four other images of lighthouses appeared in American magazines between 1788 and 1791. This view of Boston Light is one of those. It appeared in the February, 1789 issue of The Massachusetts Magazine. The lighthouse, located on Little Brewster Island, had been destroyed by the British as they evacuated Boston in early 1776; it was rebuilt and placed back in service in 1783. Based on a drawing by J. Edes, the image was engraved by Samuel Hill, who did many of the plates for The Massachusetts Magazine. Lewis: A Guide to Engravings in American Magazines, 1741-1810; p. 9. Stauffer, American Engravers Upon Copper and Steel: 1393. John Carter Brown Archive of Early American Images (online): Record no. 5437-3. [Item no. 3562.] $1,500.00.

A Bostonian's Idea of the United States of America


This map is a prime example of the Satiric Geography School of Cartography as practiced by Daniel Wallingford. Together with a companion map, A New Yorker's Idea of the United States of America, Wallingford gently skewered the chauvinism of the inhabitants of Boston and New York. In this map, an out-sized New England dominates the rest of the country, which is presented in a vague and geographically-challenged manner. Satiric remarks on the definition of a Bostonian, on universities and on "The West" reinforce the Bostonians' supposed high opinion of themselves. Both Wallingford maps build on the concept introduced by John McCutcheon's The New Yorker's Idea of the Map of the United States that appeared in The Chicago Tribune in 1922. In McCutcheon's map, New York is portrayed as an elegant mansion, while the rest of the country serves -- on a much smaller scale -- as "the back yard," regional specialties are depicted as part of the mansion owner's domain: New England as the schoolhouse, Detroit as the garage and the Midwest as cornfields. Nearly 40 years after the Wallingford maps, Saul Steinberg brought this genre of satiric cartography to a new audience with his celebrated
New Yorker cover -- View of the World from Ninth Avenue. The present map appears to have been preceded by one or more smaller, black and white versions. The 1939 dating of the map is assumed to be the same as that of the companion New York map; the 1939 dating of the New York map is based on the addition of the 1939 World's Fair grounds to the previous version of the map. Scarce. Funny. [Item no. 3556.] SOLD.

Early Maps of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard in First Edition of Crevecoeur's Letters from an American Farmer


A classic of Americana. Streeter: "...a series of twelve charming letters, describing life in America, four of them about Nantucket and one about Martha's Vineyard and the Whale Fishery." Howes: "Description of American life of great influence in attracting European immigration in the post-revolutionary period. As literature unexcelled by any American work of the eighteenth century." The maps of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard are among the first published maps of the individual islands. (Each map is approximately 8 x 10.) The map of Nantucket has 32 locations keyed to a table in the text; the Martha's Vineyard map has 9 keyed locations, including Dr. Mayhew's house. Howes, U.Siana: 887. Sabin, A Dictionary of Books Relating to America: 17496. Streeter Sale: II-711. [Item no. 3542] $3,500.00.

A Later Issue of Eldridge's Vineyard Sound Chart


George Eldridge was a fisherman and coastal pilot out of Chatham, Massachusetts. His first chart, in 1851, provided information on a newly created navigational hazard near Chatham. The chart was an immediate success and Eldridge's career as a hydrographer was launched. While Eldridge's charts (including those of his son, George W., who followed him in the business) eventually covered much of the east coast of North America, much of the focus was on New England and, specifically, the Cape and Islands. This chart, in the simple and clear Eldridge style, focuses on Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard and the coast of Cape Cod from Falmouth and the Elizabeth Islands to Chatham. The chart bears the imprint of Wilfrid O. White, who became the publisher of the charts upon the death of his father-in-law, George W. Eldridge, in 1914. A classic Eldridge chart. [Item no. 3519] SOLD.
Dividing Up New England in 1625


"Unreasonably dismissed by many, this map is of great importance." Philip Burden. The map records, for the first time, the names of the twenty English patentees who had received land in New England at a 1623 meeting of the Council for New England. Prince Edward Island is shown (but not named) for the first time. Some of the place names used reflect Alexander's Scottish interests -- "New Scotland" would stick for Nova Scotia, but others, such as renaming the St. Croix River as the "Clyde" River, would not. Kershaw notes that this map has the apparent first use of the name Cape Cod on a printed map. This, the second state of the map, appeared in Purchas his Pilgrimes. The first state appeared (without the page numbers at the upper left and right) in Alexander's An Encouragement to Colonies from 1624. Burden, The Mapping of North America: Vol. 1, 208. Schwartz and Ehrenberg, The Mapping of America: pp. 99-100, Plate 54. Kershaw, Early Printed Maps of Canada: 86, Plate 58. [Item no. 3400.] $15,000.00.

Barnsley’s Cape Codd to Casco Bay, ca. 1760s


This charming and visually attractive chart covers the New England coast from Harwich,
Massachusetts to just east of Falmouth (present-day Portland), Maine; it is oriented with north at the upper right. Four approach views are presented at the upper right of the chart. Captain Barnsley's chart appeared in *The English Pilot (The Fourth Book)* roughly from 1760 through 1773 according to McCorkle (although she points out that "*The English Pilot* is bibliographically very slippery."). The Barnsley chart replaced a Southack chart that covered the entire New England coast (and more) but with considerably less detail in editions of *The English Pilot* during the 1730s through 1750s. McCorkle, *New England in Early Printed Maps, 1513-1800: 760.1.* Sellers & Van Ee, *Maps and Charts of North America and the West Indies, 1750-1789:* 809. [Item no. 3423.] $4,950.00.

**Scarce Spanish Chart of Portsmouth, NH Harbor**


A very scarce little Spanish chart of the harbor of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, being one of nine charts of locales on the eastern coast of the U.S. and Canada issued in *Portulano de los Estados Unidos de America.* (I find but two examples of that small atlas -- one at the Library of Congress dated 1809? and one at Harvard dated 1818.) It appears that the *Portulano de los Estados Unidos de America* may have been issued as a supplement to the much more common *Portulano de America Setentrional* which focused on the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. The chart (and the others in *Portulano de los Estados Unidos de America ?*) appear to be based on those in Blunt's *American Coast Pilot.* In any event, an unusual and neat chart. See: Phillips, *A List of Geographical Atlases in the Library of Congress:* 4522. [Item no. 3550.] $450.00.

**Bond's Map of the White Mountains**


The Bond map and the Champney views are without doubt one of the White Mountains classics. On the Bond map, "[t]he names of the individual peaks of the Presidential Range appear for the first time on any map, as well as the names Cannon Mt., Twin Mt., Carrigain, Tremont, and Giant's Stairs." (Bent, p.84). Hachure marks are employed to suggest elevation, and Apt notes that this is the first topographic map of the region. The five lithographed views after Champney are printed on the reverse of the map as called for by Bent. Apt notes that map and views appear on separate sheets in some cases. We do not know the priority or relative rarity of the two formats. The front paste-down provides a "Table of Distances" while the rear has a "Table of Heights, Bearings and Distances" of 30 peaks. Apt, *Maps of the White Mountains of New Hampshire* (Exhibition Catalogue): Map 14, pp. 9-10. Hanrahan [ed.], *Bent's Bibliography of the White Mountains:* p. 84. Cobb, *Maps of New Hampshire to 1900:* 206. [Item no. 3467.] $1,250.00.
The French & Indian War in the American Colonies


A nice map of much of New England to show the geography of the French & Indian War in the Colonies. Note the designation "Eastern Massachusetts" for present-day Maine. This is one of a handful of 18th century magazine maps originally issued with hand coloring. Jolly, Maps of America in Periodicals before 1800: 74. McCorkle: 757.5. [Item no. 3499.] $650.00.

Classic Blunt Blueback of Long Island Sound

21. [New York: Long Island Sound.] Blunt, Edmund. Long Island Sound from New York to Montock Point, Surveyed in the Years 1828, 29 & 30... 1830. New York: Published & Sold by E. & G.W. Blunt. 22.75 x 80." Original blue backing. Staining and spotting, generally light but heavy at the first 12" or so of each end of the chart. Tear of about 13" into chart from right edge has been repaired "shipboard style" by a modern conservator.

This magnificent rolled blueback chart details (in nearly seven feet) Long Island Sound from Manhattan to Watch Hill Point and Montauk Point. It includes Shelter Island, New Haven and New London. Lighthouses are indicated in red. The chart is described and illustrated on page 65 of Guthorn's United States Coastal Charts, 1783-1861. [Item no. 3591.] $4,500.00.

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Charming Colonial View of New York City published in 1778


This view, published in London during the American Revolution, portrays New York City as it appeared sometime between 1737 and 1741. It is a faithful, reduced-size version of the Carwitham view which appeared after 1764. Stokes and Haskell describe the Carwitham view as: "The earliest view of the city from the west... One of the most important, interesting and sought-after prints of old New York..." Among the buildings identifiable in the view are Trinity Church, Lutheran Church, New Dutch Church and The City Hall. Hudson-Fulton Exhibit Made by the New York Public Library: 112. For the Carwitham view, see Stokes & Haskell, American Historical Prints...from the Phelps Stokes and Other Collections: B-49, Plate 13-a. [Item no. 3367.] $1,200.00.

Scarce Bethlehem, PA Map by a One-Off Cartographer


A scarce, small wall map of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The map's author was William Theodore Roepper, a professor of mineralogy and geology at Lehigh University. Roepper discovered zinc in the area, leading to a thriving zinc mining and refining industry. This map appears to have been Roepper's only published work, cartographic or otherwise. It is a cadastral map with owners' names provided for larger parcels. The Pennsylvania and Lehigh Zinc Works is identified just south of the Lehigh River. Five vignettes add to the map's attractiveness. A review of OCLC records suggests the map was issued both in folding and wall formats. (OCLC yielded two examples with no indication of being folded (Harvard and Lehigh University) and one identified as folding (Oregon State Library); in addition to the OCLC records, an example was also located at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania). Not in Antique Map Price Record (1983-2011). [Item no. 3577.] $1,600.00.

Phelps & Ensign's Traveller's Guide - First Edition


This is the scarce first edition of the very popular Phelps & Ensign traveller's guide to the U.S. The folding map entitled "Phelps & Ensign's Traveller's Guide and Map of the United States..." is dated 1838 with an 1837 copyright date. It portrays the U.S. west as far as the Missouri River. Sixteen small inset maps, mostly of the areas surrounding major cities, are included. Howes, U.S.iana: 291. [Item no. 3493.] $1,750.00.
New Bedford Whaling Chart of Russian Waters


A wonderful and scarce rolled blueback chart printed in the whaling hub of New Bedford during the heyday of the whaling industry. The chart focuses on the Kamchatka Peninsula and eastern portion of the Sea of Okhotsk, just to the west of Alaska. The Taber name appears in connection with New Bedford publishing from the late 18th century through the late 19th century. Based on a review of OCLC records, this appears to be the only sea chart published by the Taber family. The family did, however, publish several nautically oriented books, including signal books, longitude tables and whaling directories. Appearing in the upper right corner on the back of the chart is a nice chart-seller's label -- that of John Kehew's Navigation Store in New Bedford. OCLC identifies only one institutional holder of this chart -- University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. [Item no. 3555.] SOLD.

Bermuda, the Bahamas & West Indies

Aruba, Bonaire & Curacao... 1823


A large, detailed chart focusing on the "ABC islands" and part of the coast of Venezuela. In addition to Bonaire and Curacao, the western end of Aruba is depicted. Other islands included are I. Tortuga, I. Orchila, Les Roques and Iles de Aves. There is considerable detail of the Venezuelan coast; the provinces of Nle. Barcelona, Caracas and Coro are identified. A very uncommon chart with no examples cited in the Antique Map Price Record in the last 24 years. Uricoechea, Mapoteca Colombiana: 11.25. [Item no. 3087.] $1,250.00.

Uncommon Copley Blueback of the Bahamas


A wonderful, early blueback encompassing much of the Bahamas and part of the northern coast of Cuba, as well as the Great Bahama Bank and Crooked Island Passage. Among the many islands depicted on this very detailed chart are the tip of Grand (or "Great") Bahama, Great Abaco, Andros Island, New Providence (with Nassau identified), Eleuthera, Cat Island, Great Exuma, Long Island, Rum Cay and Watlings Island. Below neat line at lower right: "Drawn and engraved by Charles Copley, N. York." A very uncommon chart; OCLC locates just a single institutional holding (University of South Florida). [Item no. 3497.] $1,850.00.
1864 Blunt Blueback of the Bahamas, Cuba, etc.

29. [Bahamas/Cuba.] Blunt, E. & G.W.  **Cuba and the Windward Passages.** 1864. New York. About 78 1/2 x 40 1/2" (sheet size). Rolled blueback chart. Staining, soiling and a small burn hole, consistent with shipboard use. Also a small area of loss at middle of lower edge. Good.

This large chart -- with north to the right -- portrays the Florida Keys, the Bahamas, Cuba and the Turks & Caicos. The chart has a title at the lower right and a printed Blunt label on the back. Nevertheless, it appears to have been assembled from several individual charts, as Sheets VI, VII and VIII are denoted within the chart itself. A large inset chart of Havana is at the upper left. The chart has a copyright date of 1850, and may well have been updated a number of times during its lifetime. [Item no. 3587.] $2,000.00.

**Bellin's Bermuda from 1764**


A nicely detailed and well-executed map of Bermuda from the mid-part of the 18th century. The map appeared in Bellin's *Petit Atlas Maritime* in 1763 and 1764. This is state 2, with the addition of the plate number above the neat line at the upper left. The island's tribes are referred to here as cantons. Hamilton is indicated with a simple icon of twelve blocks. Seven forts are located. Palmer, *Printed Maps of Bermuda* (2nd edition): p. 9. mapforum.com, Checklist of Printed Maps of Bermuda, 1585-1778: 68. [Item no. 3572.] $750.00.

**Massive Chart of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean**

31. [Caribbean/Gulf of Mexico.] U.S. Navy Hydrographic Office.  **Gulf of Mexico, West Indies and Caribbean Sea.** 1870. Washington. Six separate sheets were joined, apparently early in their existence, into two long, rolled charts. The upper chart (Sheets I-III) is about 26 1/2 x 84 3/4;" the lower (Sheets IV - VI) is about 24 7/8 x 84 3/4." The charts have some modest soiling/staining, consistent with working charts. Later conservation repairs, including replacement of some of the linen backing, has repaired occasional tears and stabilized the charts. There is some vertical creasing resulting from the original joining process.

In the Report of the Secretary Navy from December, 1869, it is noted that: "During the past year the work of correcting the plates purchased by the Navy Department from Messrs. E. & G. W. Blunt has been pushed forward rapidly." Among the charts included in this purchase were the six charts of a series that encompasses the entire Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. The charts are on a scale of 1 degree of longitude = 3.9 inches; the resulting total chart area of the set when assembled is just over 30 square feet. There are 11 insets of individual harbors and approach views. Very scarce in the trade or catalogued collections. Although individual sheets are offered occasionally, we were able to locate only one complete set, and that of an 1887-1889 issue (Boston Public Library). An important set of charts marking a major step in the transition from private to government-sponsored chart making. [Item no. 3578.] $3,750.00.
Turks & Caicos and Southern Bahamas -- 1768


A large, detailed chart of the southern portion of the Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands. The eastern tip of Cuba and the northern coast of Hispaniola are shown. Among the islands detailed are Isle de Rum-kay (Rum Cay), the eastern end of La Longue Isle (Long Island), Isle de Samana, Isle de Kroo-ked (Crooked Island), Isle d'Aklin (Acklins Island), Isle au Chateau, Isle de Mogane, La Grand Inague (Great Inagua I.) and La Petite Inague (Little Inagua I.). [Item no. 2831.] $1,200.00.

First Issue of Jefferys’ Classic Virgin Islands Chart

33. [Virgin Islands.] Jefferys. The Virgin Islands from English and Danish Surveys, by Thomas Jefferys, Geographer to the King... London: Printed for Robt. Sayer...20th Febr.1775. 18 3/8 x 24." Uncolored. LVG watermark on heavy paper. A few tears expertly mended. A very attractive example.

This classic map of the Virgin Islands appeared in Thomas Jefferys' West India Atlas. This is the first issue of the chart, dated 1775. Several other issues followed, with later imprint dates, during the next quarter century. It is a visually captivating chart, portraying not only the Virgins, but also the eastern end of Puerto Rico, Anguilla, St. Martin and St. Kitts. Eleven approach views fill three corners of the chart. Several channels -- Sir Francis Drake Channel most prominent among them -- are indicated. Strictly geographic information is augmented with nautical observations ("Good Anchoring") and local legends (see Treasure Point on Anegada). At the lower center is a short geographic and historic overview of the Virgin Islands titled "Observations." Sellers & Van Ee, Maps and Charts of North America and the West Indies, 1750-1789: 1982. National Maritime Museum (online catalogue): K1071,GREN80A/2. [Item no. 3574.] $7,250.00.

Losing Your Rudder in Anegada


A nicely detailed map of Anegada, now one of the British Virgin Islands. Presumably this is one of the earlier separate maps of Anegada. A small inset map of the entire Virgin Islands group appears in the lower left corner of this map. Numerous points (Tomata, Saltheap, etc.) and bays (Bone's, Windlass, etc.) are identified as are Settlements, Flamingo Pond and "Heaps of Conch Shells." Various shoals, channels and locations of fresh water are also shown. At Southern Shoals, it is noted "H. M. Ship Plover lost her rudder." A charming and scarce map by the German-born and educated British explorer and surveyor, best known for "the Schomburgk line," from his survey of the boundary between British Guiana and Venezuela. [Item no. 3585.] $325.00.
Attractive St. Thomas Map with Plantations Shown


This uncommon map of St. Thomas appeared in Oldendorp's Geschichte der Mission der Evangelischen Brueder auf den Caraibischen Inseln St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. Jan... published in 1777. The map identifies a host of plantations throughout the island. Water Island, Carrot Bay and Red Hook are among the names still readily recognizable on St. Thomas. The western end of St. John, including Great and Little Cruz Bay, is also shown. [Item no. 2098.] $1,250.00.

Handsome Arrowsmith Chart of the Leeward Islands


A handsome map of the northern portion of the Lesser Antilles chain of islands, with the islands color-coded to indicate their European owners. The map appeared in Arrowsmith's London Atlas of Universal Geography. That atlas, which Rumsey notes as being "remarkable for its understated elegance and clarity," was first published in 1834 and updated numerous times thereafter even into the twentieth century (though under the Stanford name starting around 1874). The Leeward Islands map first appears with the date of 1839, as here. It appears to have been relatively quickly replaced by an issue dated 1842, as in Rumsey's 1844 edition of the London Atlas (List No. 4613.063). The 1839-dated map was also used in an 1839 Parliamentary paper; that issue was folded to quarto, while the present example has only a centerfold. A very good example of a fairly scarce issue of this map. [Item no. 3576.] $750.00.

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