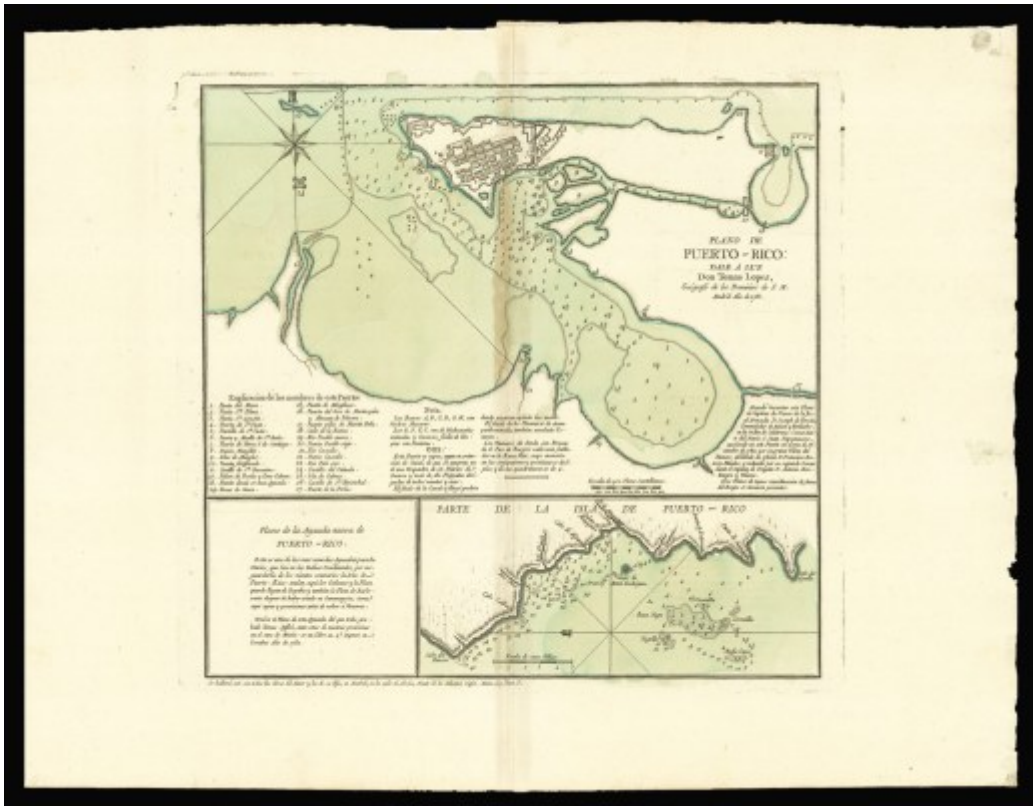


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LOPEZ'S RARE CHART OF PUERTO-RICO

Plano de Puerto-Rico Dale a Luz Don Tomas Lopez Geografo de los Dominios de S. M. Madrid Ano de 1785.

Author
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Physical description
Two engraved charts on one map sheet, original hand-colour.

Dimensions
370 by 410mm (14.5 by 16.25 inches).

Notes
Rare and detailed chart of San Juan, and the environs of Mayaguez Bay on Puerto Rico. The chart of San Juan is accompanied by an extensive key listing 27 places, together with a detailed explanatory note. Both charts contain numerous sounds and signs of the sea. A 14-line note at lower right of the main chart states it was made on orders given in December 1782 by Don Joseph de Pereda, captain of the warship San Juan Nepumuceno, when anchored in the harbor; it was originally the work of the

ship’s first piloto de numero, Don Francisco Ramón Méndez, and was “reducido” [i.e. composed] by Don Antonio Montenegro y Velasco, the second-in-command, from this survey, some reliance being placed on non-Spanish charts, as appears from the remark “Otros planos de menor consideracion de fuera del Reyno se tuvieron presentes.”

Tomas Lopez de Vargas Machuca (1731-1802) was a Spanish publisher and the leading cartographer of the age. He studied with Jean-Baptiste Bouguignon d’Anville in Paris, before returning to his native Madrid in 1760, when he established the only independent cartographic publishing house in Spain in 1760. He began making maps for the Bourbon kings and became Royal Geographer to King Carlos III in 1780. He was even authorised to create a geographic agency for the secretary of state in 1795.

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