



Engraved sea chart.

## US VIRGIN ISLANDS

**Carta Esférica de parte de Las Islas Virgenes desde la Culebra a la Tortola.**

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### Physical description

Engraved sea chart.

### Dimensions

970 by 630 mm. (38.25 by 24.75 inches).

### Notes

A Spanish edition of an English chart of the Virgin Islands, centred on St Thomas, with Culebra to the West and Tortola in the East. The lighthouses are marked with colour.

In the 1860s the U.S. government was considering buying the Danish Virgin Islands for \$7.5 million, but failed to get popular support. In 1917, justifying the purchase as defence against German attacks

in the West Indies, the U.S. bought the Islands for \$25 million in gold.

**Bibliography**

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