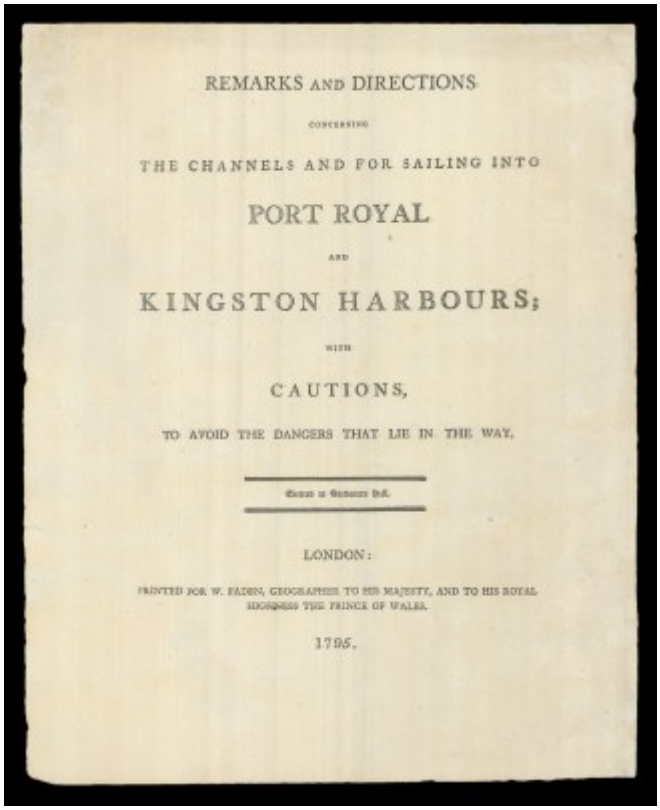


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The present document is the first and only edition of Gauld's work concerning sailing in the West Indies. Broken down into short, geographically ordered sections, it instructs the reader on how to navigate the "bulwark of Reefs, Shoals, and Kays or small Islands, without the entrance of Port Royal Harbour, which makes it of difficult access to strangers". 'Remarks and Directions concerning the Channels and for Sailing into Port Royal and Kingston Harbours' was published posthumously by William Faden in 1795, and three years later Faden also published a plan of Port Royal Harbour, which Gauld had completed in 1772.

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