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FIRST STATE OF MAYO'S MAP OF BARBADOS

A New and Exact Map of the Island of Barbadoes in America According to the Actual & Accurate Survey Made by William Mayo Approved by the Royal Society & Authorized by His Majesty's Royal Licence. Engrav'd by by John Senex, 1722.

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Dimensions

925 by 1080mm (36.5 by 42.5 inches).

Notes

The first state of the finest early map of Barbados, and one of the most impressive made for any

English colony in the eighteenth century.

The map was originally published in 1722, based upon William Mayo's 1717-1721 survey of the island, and engraved by John Senex. A second state was published in 1750, with no alterations other than the removal of the old dates, Senex's name as engraver, and Mayo's name below the title. A one sheet reduction was published by Robert Sayer in 1756, and a second reduced version appeared in Jefferys' 'West India Atlas' of 1775. Mayo relocated to Virginia in 1723. He became one of the leading surveyors in the colony, participating in the survey of the Virginia-North Carolina boundary in 1728 and the survey of the Northern Neck of Virginia in 1733, and laying out the City of Richmond in 1737.

Barbados was by far Great Britain's richest American colony in the eighteenth century. Sugar cane, the principal crop, was so profitable that the island's exports were more valuable than those from all the other American colonies combined. Mayo's map identifies approximately 986 plantations, and was the first map to delineate the boundaries between the island's 11 parishes.

Bibliography

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