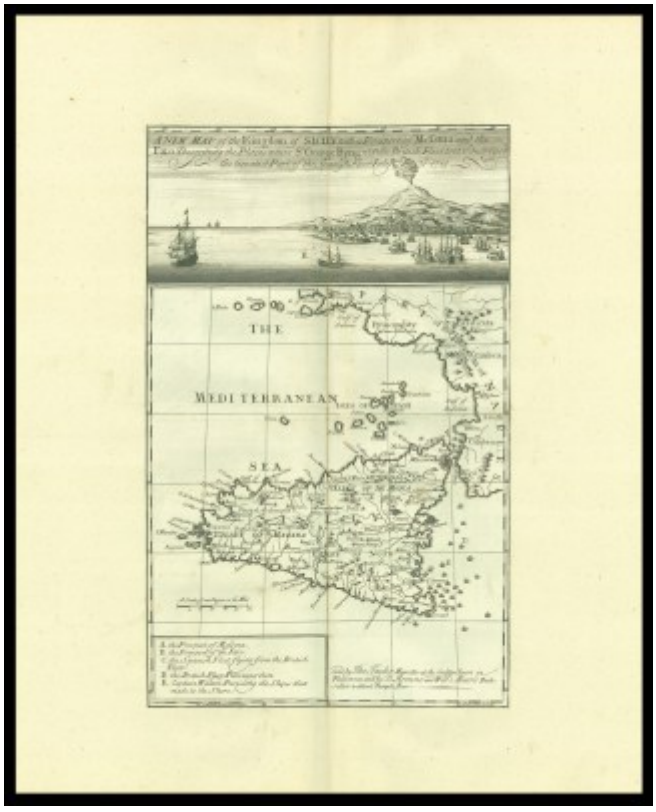

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UNRECORDED BRAODSHEET MAP OF SICILY DEPICTING THE BATTLE OF CAPE PASSARO

A New Map of the Kingdom of Sicily with a Prospect of Messina and the Faro Describing the Place where Sr. George Byng with the British Fleet took & destroyed the Greatest Part of the Spanish Fleet. July 31st 1718.

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The Battle of Cape Passaro (or Passero) was the defeat of a Spanish fleet under Admirals Antonio de Gaztañeta and Fernando Chacón by a British fleet under Admiral George Byng, near Cape Passero, Sicily, on 11 August 1718, four months before the War of the Quadruple Alliance was formally declared. Above the map is a prospect of the port of Messina were the British first spotted the Spanish fleet on the 6th August 1718. The shows the subsequent pursuit and engagement down Sicily's east coast to Cape Passaro. A key to the lower left of the plan lists:

A. the Prospect of Messina.
B. the Prospect of Faro.
C. the Spainish Fleet flying from the British Fleet.
D. the British Fleet Pursuing them.
E. Captain Walton Pursuing the Ships that made the Shore.

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