



A scarce plan of the harbour of Havana

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Neu und Verbessert Plan der St. u Hafens Havana auf der Ins. Cuba mit den Wasser Tiesen, Sandbæncken und Klippen nochmalen über Senen v. Pr. Chassereau. Anno 1739.

London: Thomas Bowles & Nuremberg: J.C. Homann, c.1740. Original colour. 250 x 290mm.

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A scarce plan of Havana, with an eleven-point key detailing the defences. This is an unusual collaboration between two important publishers of England and Germany. The map was published during the 'War of Jenkins' Ear' (1739-48), fought between Britain and Spain over the 'asiento' (right of the British to sell slaves to the Spanish Colonies). Havana was expected to be one of the first British targets of the war but it was not until 1741 that Admiral Vernon mounted an attack on Cuba. Although he captured Guantánamo Bay disease prevented him making more gains.

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