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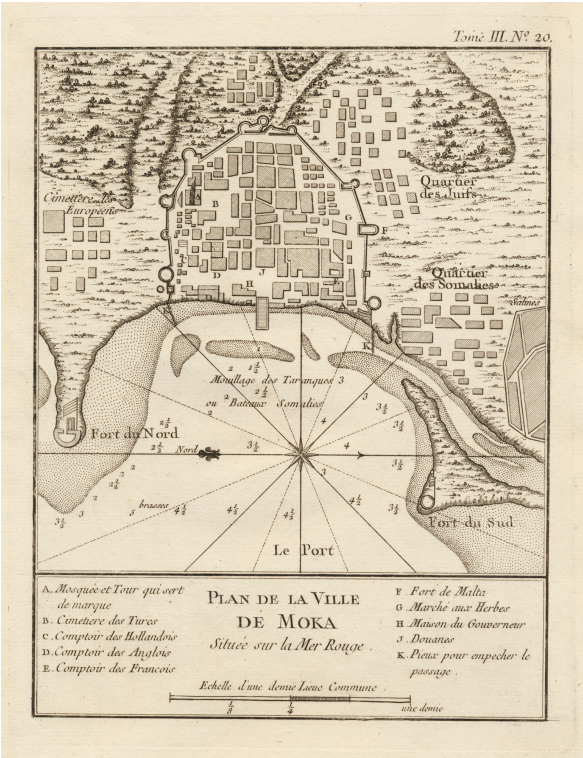

A scarce plan of the coffee-trading port of Mocha

BELLIN, Jacques-Nicolas.
Plan de la Ville de Moka Située sur la Mer Rouge.

Paris, 1764. 230 x 180mm, with good margins.

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A detailed plan of the Yemeni port Mocha (al-Makha), at the time one of the most important marketplaces for coffee beans. Marked inside the city walls are the warehouses of the English, French and Dutch merchants. Outside the walls are the European, Jewish and Somali quarters. Somali merchants brought vast amounts of coffee beans across the Red Sea from Ethiopia to sell. A scarce map, from the only edition of Bellin's atlas, 'Le Petit Atlas Maritime'

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