



Detailed map of Martinique published during the Seven Years' War

BELLIN, Jacques-Nicolas.
 Carte de L'Isle de Martinique...

Nuremberg: Homann's Heirs, 1762. Coloured. 480 x 550mm.

£600

Bellin's map of Martinique here republished on a larger scale because of increased interest due to the British capture of the island from the French in February 1762, an action of the Seven Years' War. Britain had made a policy of capturing French colonies, thus acquiring bargaining chips for the Treaty of Paris that ended the war in 1763. France chose to retain Martinique because of its lucrative sugar industry, allowing Canada to be ceded to Britain.

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