



Anson's Plans of Manila & Acapulco

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A Plan of the Harbour of Acapulco on the Coast of Mexico in ye South Sea...; A plan of the Bay of Manila.

London: John and Paul Knapton, 1748. Coloured. 260 x 390mm.

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Two charts on one sheet, with a coastal profile of the Ladrone Islands, published in Anson's own account of his buccaneering voyage around the world, 1740-44. He was sent to the South Seas to harass the Spanish bases, but, more importantly, plunder their shipping. He knew a yearly treasure ship, the 'Nostra Signora de Cabadonga', was going to sail between Manila and Acapulco, but an atrocious voyage caused him to miss it. After restocking in Macao Anson set off to try to intercept it on its return: by a stroke of luck he intercepted it, laden with silver from Mexico. He immediately headed for home, where thirty-two wagons were needed to transfer the silver to the Tower of London.

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