



Sea chart of Kingsale Harbour from the first English sea-atlas

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A sea chart of Kingsale Harbour, orientated with north to the bottom right, with the layout of the town and the outline of the defensive walls of James's Fort ('Old Fort') and Charles Fort ('New Fort'). The chart was published in Collins' 'Great Britain's Coasting Pilot, being a New Survey of the Sea Coast', the first English sea-atlas based on personal survey. Undertaken on the orders of Charles II, Collins started his survey in 1681, a task that lasted seven years. The complete atlas was finally completed in 1693, and was so popular that editions were released, with only occasional revisions, until 1792.

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