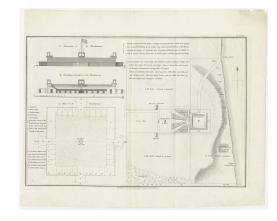




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HOUSING THE NOVA SCOTIAN SETTLERS ON BOLAMA £400.00

Plan of the provisional defence, buildings & cleared grounds, which have already been executed at Bulama by the enterprising Spirit and peserverence of M.r Beaver, who had the courage of remaining under the greatest difficulties upon the Island in order to secure it for the Subscribers till further support could be supplied from Europe.

Cartographer WADSTROM, Carl Bernard.

Date 1795

Stock #: 25182

Publication: London: Harvey and Darton for Wadstrom,

1795. 215 x 310mm.

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DESCRIPTION:

Four illustrations of a blockhouse on Bolama, Guinea-Bissau, built during the attempt to settle 275 former slaves from America on the island: an elevation, a cross-section, a plan of the rooms and a map of the gardens and outhouses.

The house was built under the orders of Philip Beaver (1766-1813), a British Naval officer who led the attempt. However by the time of publication of this map, the colony had collapsed, with most of the settlers dying and the remainder moving to Freetown in Sierra Leone in November 1793. Beaver returned to London to attempt to revive the colony.

The map was published on three years after the foundation of Freetown, in "An Essay on Colonisation Particularly Applied to the Western Coast of Africa", by Swedish abolitionist Carl Bernhard Wadström (1746-99). In this work he argued that a colony would profit more from trade with the locals than exploited them as slaves.

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