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West Indies. Manuscript navigational instructions for entering Port Royal, circa 1780

West Indies. Manuscript navigational instructions for entering Port Royal harbour in Jamaica, by W. May, circa 1780, 3 pp., 'After you get the length of the Yallahs keep the land on board it being clear along shore. As you run along - thus - you will soon discern the low shrubby land - called ye palsades - where this low land joins the high land you are running along - is a fort call'd Rock Fort. SSW from this fort - three or four miles is a number of sunken rocks - which ye sea beaks upon & which you must be sure to leave on your starbord hand & continue to run along the palisades - but come not nearer than two cables length - when you are high enough up to observe Port Royal, keep the middle of Fort Charles (which stands on Port Royal point) directly in a line with the whole way on Saltpond Hill - this will run you between a point on ye palisades call'd Plump Point about one mile - continue with ye above marks in one till ye make ye keys. The First is call'd Lime Bay - to be left on your harbour hand. As soon as you pass this you will see two other keys right ahead - the Northwest one call'd Gun Key - the Southwest call'd Wreckams... As soon as you open Port Royal Church to ye west'd of Charlesfort you are clear of those knowles & may hall in to Port Royal Harbour to anchor - there is good watering at Rock Fort & plenty of wood on the Island to be purchased of the inhabitants. Not withstanding any directions that may be wrote - an intire stranger will very much hazard his ship if he venters higher than Plum Point without a pilote...', signed 'W. May', some crossings-through, small splits, a little light soiling, folds, folio, 32 x 20 cm (12.5 x 8 in)

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