



Sea chart of Plymouth from the first English sea-atlas

COLLINS, Greenville.

Plymouth. To the Hon.ble Arthur Earl of Torrington, Baron Herbert of Torbay, First L.t of the Admiralty, Admirall of their Ma.ties Navy & Capt.t Gen. ll of the Narrow Sea, Humbly Dedicated By C.t G. Collins Hydrog.r to the King.

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A chart of Plymouth Sound up to Saltash, with an inset of Salcombe and decorative cartouches for the title and scale. It was published in an edition of 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. The quality of the impression suggests this is an early example.

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