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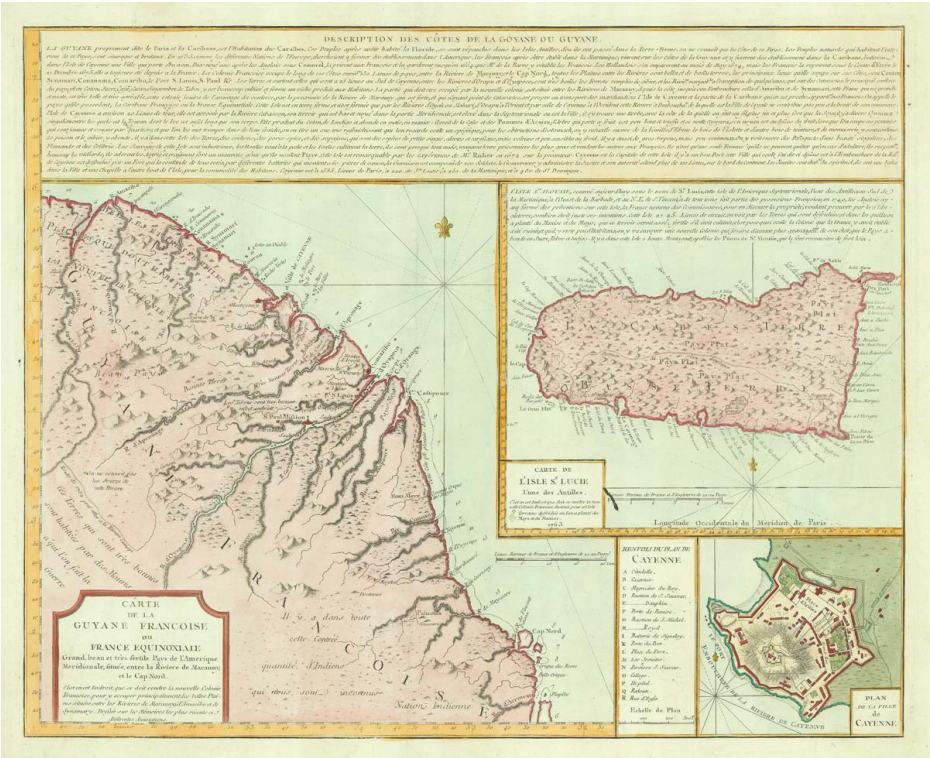

Maps of French Guiana, St Lucia and Cayenne

BETEOW.
Carte de la Guyane Francoise ou France Equinoxiale...; Carte de L'Isle de S.e Lucie L'une des Antilles; Renvois du Plan de Cayenne.

Paris c.1763. Coloured. 375 x 465mm.

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Maps of two of the few remaining French colonies in the Americas after the Seven Years' War, with a plan of the defences of Cayenne. Having lost Canada and Louisiana, Louis XV sought to encourage an influx of colonists to strengthen the French presence, a motivation in the publication of this map. Thousands of settlers did emigrate but with a few years most were dead of disease: those that returned told terrible stories were sensations at home. Beteow was a military engineer, apparently posted to the Americas; his other published map was of four British islands in the West Indies that were targeted by French forces during their participation in the American War of Independence.

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