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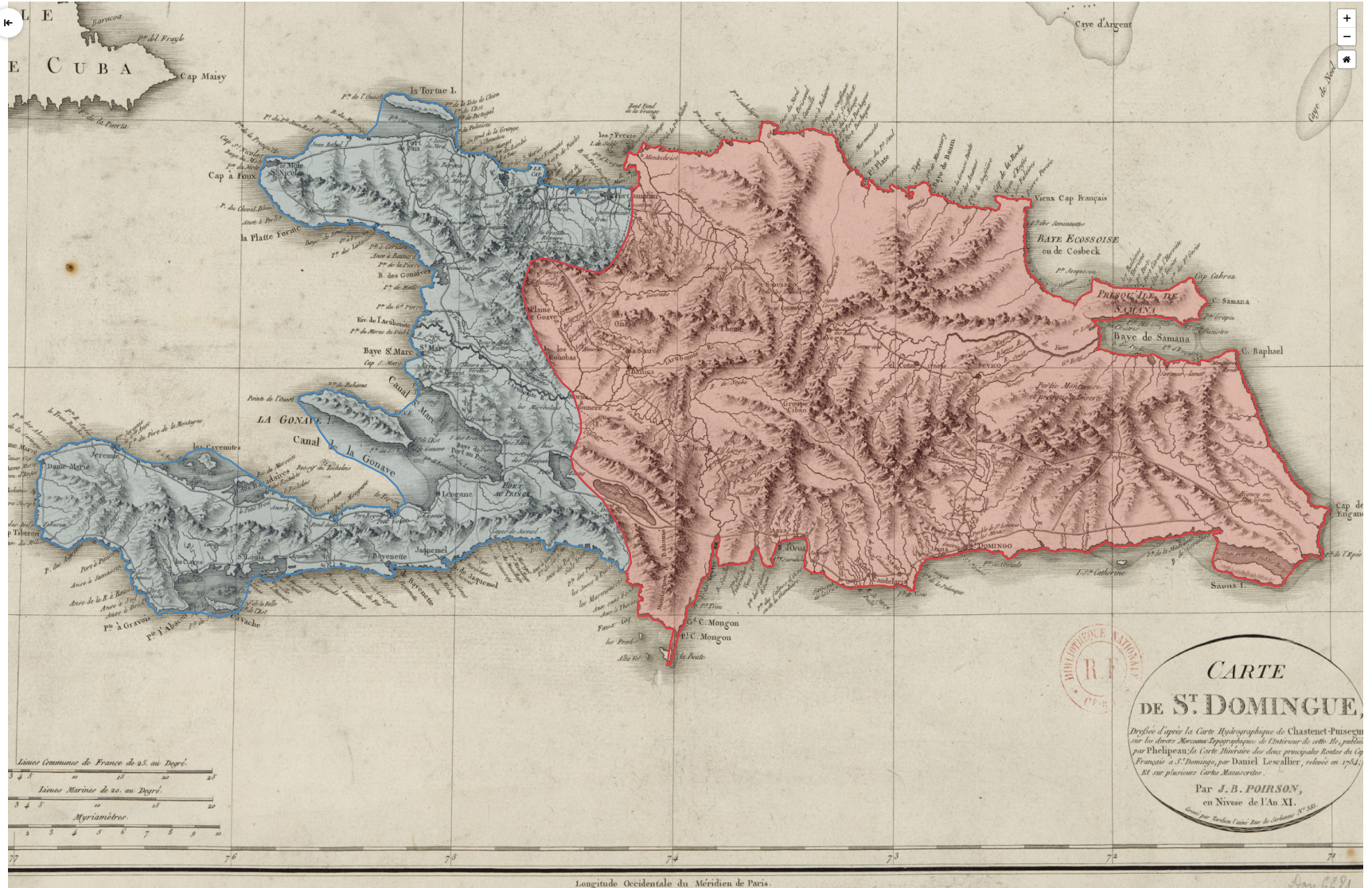
Treaty of Ryswick

ACTORS: French Spanish

French presence on the island now known as Hispaniola started with French buccaniers on La Tortue (Tortuga), an island off the northern coast. The 1697 Treaty of Ryswick mostly concerned the European continent but also divided up colonial possessions, ceding the western third of the island to France, whose inhabitants had already taken up informal possession. Because Spain focused on Central and South America, the eastern side of the island was more unpopulated and undeveloped compared to the quick growth of plantations and slavery in the French colony. The French side of the island becomes known as Saint Domingue, the Spanish side Santo Domingo.

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