In 1671, the King of Denmark charged the Danish West India Company with the task of inhabiting the then unpopulated Island of St. Thomas. In 1684 “The Company” added St. John to its list of assets. The company divided the island into estates which are the basis of property descriptions today, each estate being a legal entity. All property transactions are described as being within a particular estate. This map will assist you in determining where a particular property is located on the island.