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A General Map of the Middle British Colonies In America, viz. Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New-Jersey, New York, Connecticut, & Rhode Island of Aquanishuonigy the Country of the Confederate Indians, Comprehending . . . Ohio & Thuchoschruntie their Deer Hunting Countries . . .

Stock#: 0013bm
Map Maker: Evans
Date: 1765 circa
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 26 x 19 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Bowles Edition of Lewis Evans' Map of the Middle British Colonies--One of the Most Important 18th Century American Maps

Nice example of Lewis Evans' seminal map of the British Colonies in North America, published by John Bowles & Carrington Bowles, In London.

Along with the maps of Henry Popple and John Mitchell, Lewis Evans' map is considered among the most important and influential American maps of the 18th Century and is the only one of the three to have first been published in America. Both Evans and Mitchell's maps were intended to spur western expansion into the Trans-Allegheny, Ohio Valley and regions westward, and in response to French encroachments.

Evans' map became the standard for nearly 50 years, being re-issued by Bowles, Jefferys, Kitchen and others. The map is a milestone both for its political significance and extension of cartographic knowledge in the region. Governor Pownall re-issued an updated edition of the map taken from the original Evans plate, with an addition of New England and a group of tables, naming townships in the Colonies. Pownall had been a great supporter of Evans and pledged the proceeds from the map to Evans' daughter. The cartographic importance of the map and its place in the history of cartography are substantial.

The present example was published by John & Carrington Bowles, circa 1765.



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Detailed Condition:

Trimmed to right neatline, with minor loss.