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[London] An Exact Survey of the City's of London Westminster ye Borough of Southwark and the Country Near Ten Miles Round Begun In 1741 & Ended in 1745 By John Rocque Land Surveyor & Engrau'd By Richard Parr / A New and Accurate Survey Of the Cities of London and Westminster The Borough of Southwark with The Country about it for nineteen Miles in Length and thirteen in Depth . . .

Stock#: 102903
Map Maker: Rocque

Date: c. 1751-1754
Place: London
Color:
Condition:
Size: 102 x 75 inches (if 16 sheets are joined)

Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the finest maps of - what is now - Greater London ever produced. It would appear that John Rocque, a French Huguenot, emigrated with the rest of his family to London in the 1730s, where he began to ply his trade as a surveyor of gentleman's estates, and with plans of Kensington Gardens, and Hampton Court. However, in 1737 he applied his surveying skills to a much greater task, that of surveying the entire built-up area of London. Began in the March of 1737, the map would take nine years to produce, eventually being engraved upon 24 sheets of copper and published in 1746. Whilst engaged upon this project Rocque was also working on the present map of the country ten miles round London, and on a scale of 5 1/2 inches to the mile, or one quarter of the scale of the large survey. The completed map was published in 1746.

*First issued 1746 this example c.1751-54 with all the points listed in Howgego i.e. Sheet 1 has imprint 'Published by I. Rocque...Feby, 13th 1744 Next ye Duke of Grafton's Head Hide Park Corner; 2) sheet 6 has, 'Published 29th of April...by John Rocque 1746; and 3) sheet 13 has, 'Publish'd ye 28th of Decr 1744...by I. Rocque in Hide Park Road' but with the additional place-names etc. to that date. In addition for state 5 (i) the names 'the Kings Old Road' and 'the Kings New Road' have been added to existing roads in Hyde Park, both labels immediately under the Serpentine; (ii) 'HANNUEL' is now corrected to 'HANWELL' [Sheet XIV: the left-hand strip, second sheet down]; (iii) On Barnes Common, 'Peace Bridge' has been revised to 'Priests Bridge' [Sheet X], below the start of the label 'BARNES COMMON'.



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Plus **sheet 16 (here sometime supplied from another copy) has the additional scales: two in the first state, 4 in the slightly later issues.

Detailed Condition:

Original copper engraved map (overall c.192 x 258 cm) printed on 16 double-page engraved sheets (each c.48 x 64.5 cm) on a scale of 5½ inches to the mile (1:11,500) all engraved by R. Parr. Extends from (N) Muscle (Muswell) Hill to (E) Woolwich to (S) Croydon Common to (W) Osterley House. Text repeated in Latin, English, and French. Emblematic group in cartouche surmounted by City arms in top centre, compass rose in top left corner, dedication to Lord Burlington in cartouche at bottom centre with arms and emblematical figures. Scale at foot of map in versts, leagues, toises, yards and miles. Each sheet laid onto linen (except for sheet 16 which is backed onto papier de japon) and folding into 2 contemporary slipcases (27 x 19 cm) of half calf over marbled boards, the spines with raised bands, gilt-decorated compartments, red and blue morocco labels, the insides covered with decorative hand-coloured paper. The slipcases labelled F[olio] 1..8 and F[olio]9...15**. The gilt lettering on the second slipcase also reads "et Schrewsburg", no doubt referring to Rocque's 1746 plan of Shrewsbury which, being of approximately a similar size to one of the 16 sheets of the London map, would have fitted in nicely before being replaced by Sheet 16. Old shelf number labels to feet of spines, the verso of each sheet numbered in an old hand. Handsomely presented.