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To the Honourable House of Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania this Map of the City Liberties of Philadelphia . . . 1846 [with book] An Explanation of the Map . . .

Stock#: 11768
Map Maker: Reed / Warner
Date: 1774 (1879)
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 60 x 30 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

In 1774, John Reed published this detailed map to confront the powers of the Penn family which he claimed had neglected the original grants of land to Reed's family. Reed issued the map to illustrate a small book which he published to forward his claim, which included detailed information about the land grants in the Liberties. The resulting huge map was engraved on three plates by James Smither. Reed's claim was unsuccessful, but resulted in a landmark map of Philadelphia and environs. The map shows information on the actual layout of the city at the time, and of the grants in the Liberties, details not shown well on other maps of the period which tended to be more schematic, following Holmes projected grid plan. Reed's large, separately issued map is extremely rare, but fortunately there are a number of full size facsimiles, including this excellent lithograph issued in 1870. It provides us with a precious and detailed look at Philadelphia just before the American Revolution. This is an unusual example of the map, laid on original linen and dissected, but in only 6 panels. Includes original text, both in excellent condition.

Detailed Condition: