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A Map Of The Most Inhabited Part Of New England Containing The Provinces Of Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire. With the Colonies of Conecticut and Rhode Island . . . 1774

Stock#: 23655
Map Maker: Jefferys / Mead
Date: 1774
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 41 x 40 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare separately issued example of Bradock Mead's remarkable large format map of New England & Long Island.

First published by Thomas Jefferys in 1755, at the outset of the French & Indian War, Bradock Mead's map became the single most influential map of New England for the next four decades years, influencing most of the significant policy and boundary decisions of the later part of the English Colonial Period.

The map was prepared by Bradock Mead (alias John Green), one of the more colorful characters of the map period, whose failed plan to kidnap and either marry or extort a large ransom for the return of an heiress resulted in his spending the majority of his life underground on the fringes of London's map and print publishing business.

The map is an amalgam of contemporary sources, which are identified in table in the upper right portion of the map. However, Douglass' Plan of the British Dominions of New England in North America is a curious (and obvious) omission. Jeffrey's map represents the first widely disseminated large format



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depiction of the region and a substantial improvement from the Douglass map, in part because of the additional territory covered and almost certainly the additional information which was likely available to Jeffreys and Mead in the several years following the issue of the Douglass map.

The map includes a pictorial cartouche, showing the Pilgrim's landing at Plymouth Rock in 1620 (the date being shown on the rock on the right side of the cartouche).

While atlas copies of the map appear occasionally on the market, separately issued examples are very rare. The present example includes markings on the verso of the linen suggesting that its first owner was German and this may have been either a field map or otherwise utilized by its owner during the American Revolution.

Detailed Condition:

Dissected and laid on 18th Century linen