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La Destruction de la Statue royale a Nouvelle Yorck

Stock#: 24223
Map Maker: Habermann
Date: 1776
Place: Augsburg
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 16.5 x 12 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Famous Revolutionary War vue optique print, depicting the Sons of Liberty tearing down a statue of King Georg III at Bowling Green.

The image is intended to depict the events of July 10, 1776, following the first reading of the Declaration of Independence, when a group of inspired patriots tore down the statute of King George in Bowling Green. The view provides an interesting Anglo-centric image of the costumes and citizenry of the inhabitants of New York City.

A statue of the King had been erected on the Bowling Green after the repeal of the Stamp Act . . . in the excitement engendered by the Declaration of Independence and its adoption by the Provincial Congress of New York on 9 July 1776 the royal statue was pulled down. The statue of the Earl of Chatham, a strong advocate of reconciliation, was not touched. This destruction was both a gesture of patriotic triumph and one of defiance, in a city politically divided and threatened with occupation.

British Library, *War of Independence* #97.

Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling.