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Plan De New-York et des Environs Leve par Montessor . . . 1775

Stock#: 34252
Map Maker: Le Rouge / Montessor
Date: 1777
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 23 x 20 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of the rare French edition of Montessor's map of Manhattan.

Montessor, born in Gibraltar, was the chief English engineer in America. He commenced his survey of New York City in December 1765, at a time when the Stamp Act was spurring the creation of the Sons of Liberty and pushing the Colonists toward Revolution. The work quality was hurried and not terribly accurate, owing in part to the local hostilities.

The map extends from Greenwich to Crown Point and includes roughly 50 names of places, streets, roads, buildings, etc., and includes a large inset of New York Harbor, complete with soundings.

The Montessor plan of New York is the first large scale plan of the city, predating the John Ratzer plan by one year. Earlier plans were issued by Bellin in 1764 and Maerschallck were on a much smaller scale.

The French edition of this map appeared separately and in some copies of Le Rouge's *Recueil des plans de l'Amerique septentrionale*, but is much rarer than Dury's English edition of the map.



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Detailed Condition:

Minor tear at left center, else fine.