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Stock#: 48487
Map Maker: General Magazine
Date: 1755
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 8 x 7 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the earliest detailed maps of Fort Du Quesne (Pittsburgh)

Rare early French & Indian War map of New England, published in the *General Magazine of Arts & Sciences* in 1755.

The map shows the area from Quebec to Delaware Bay and west to Lake Ontario. It depicts towns, forts, rivers, portages, and the routes of the British marches during the *French and Indian War*.

This map illustrates the British campaigns against the French forts at Niagara and Crown Point. The movement against Niagara was led by Governor Shirley, which was turned back at Fort Oswego. General William Johnson's campaign was more successful. He led nearly four thousand troops, mostly from New England, against Ft. Frederick. He defeated the French commander Dieshau at a battle near Lake George and secured for the British their only victory for the year.



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The map includes three noteworthy inset maps:

- Fort Frederick at Crown Point (built by the French in 1731)
- Fort du Quesne (apparently drawn from information derived from French Deserters).
- "Oswego and English Fort"

The illustration of Fort Du Quesne (Pittsburgh), makes this one of the earliest printed maps to show the fort in any detail.

The map is scarce on the market. We note only 1 example in a dealer catalog in the past 10 years.

Detailed Condition: