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The Siege of Rhode Island, taken from Mr. Brindley's House on the 25th of August, 1778.

Stock#: 50064
Map Maker: Gentleman's Magazine
Date: 1779
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 6 x 8.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Battle of Rhode Island was the only battle in New England to occur between the Continental army and the British army.

Fought to dislodge the 7,000 British, Hessian, and provincial troops from their entrenched position in Newport during the month of August, the siege of Rhode Island culminated in the night of August 28, 1778, when the American army retreated from Aquidneck Island--it being the end of the month with militia enlistment expiring and British reinforcement known to be on the way from New York.

The scene depicted in this etching shows the encampments of the American and British troops on Butt's, Quaker, and Turkey Hills at the northern end of the island, in present-day Portsmouth. The British staged an attack on the American position on Butt's Hill but were repulsed by the Americans.

Detailed Condition: