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A New and Accurate Plan of the Town of Boston in New England. [with] A New Plan of Boston Harbor from an Actual Survey.

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Map Maker: Universal Magazine / Hinton

Hand Colored

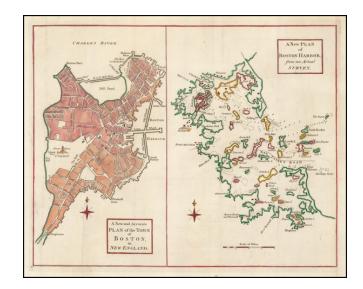
Date: 1774
Place: London

Condition: VG

Color:

Size: 11.5 x 14 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Scarce two-plan map on one sheet, with an early depiction of Boston from just before the American Revolution.

This uncommon map was issued just prior to the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. It shows two maps on one sheet; one a plan of Boston, the other a view of the harbor.

The city plan is well-detailed with graphic depictions of the Liberty Tree, Powder House and Beacon Hill. The Liberty Tree, an elm tree located at about Washington and Essex Streets, and used as a meeting place by the Sons of Liberty, a group formed after the Stamp Act of 1765. The tree was attacked by British Loyalists in 1775 and burned, but it remained a popular symbol encouraging other colonialists to erect Liberty poles that were hung with flags depicting the Liberty Tree.

The harbor plan shows soundings and numerous islands, along with the city and several scattered settlements in the area.

Detailed Condition:

Few clean splits expertly repaired on verso. Lower right margin reinstated.