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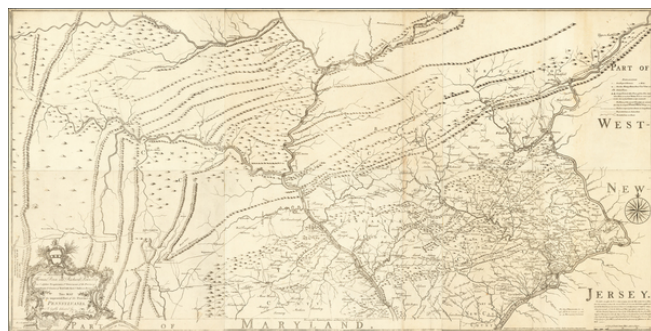
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**[The Duke of York's Copy] To the Honourable Thomas Penn and Richard Penn Esq.
True & absolute Proprietaries & Governours of the Province of Pennsylvania & Counties
of New-Castle Kent & Susses on Delaware This Map of the improved Part of the
Province of Pennsylvania Is humbly dedicated by Nicholas Scull**

Stock#: 63393
Map Maker: Scull

Date: 1759
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 60 x 30 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

***"The most ambitious cartographical work to come from America before the Revolution..." -
Wroth (in Eberstadt 167)***

An excellent example of the first state of the first map of Pennsylvania to be published in America, with exceptional provenance of Frederick Augustus, Duke of York, son of King George III.

In this, his magnum opus, Nicholas Scull presents a view of Pennsylvania during the French & Indian War, at a point when there was precious little English settlement west of the Kittatinny Ridge. The counties that would be recognizable to a modern viewer - Lancaster, Chester, York, Bucks, Berks, Cumberland, Philadelphia, etc. - are much enlarged compared to their present-day incarnations; Cumberland itself taking up almost half of the Province. The map is crisscrossed by roads and Indian paths, and the mills, iron forges, furnaces, meeting houses, forts, Indian towns, churches, inns, county-towns, and gentleman's seats that Scull charted become increasingly sparse as one moves west.

The map was based on Scull's own surveys and those of his local contemporaries, but also drew on printed sources, including Fry & Jefferson's map of Virginia, as noted in the lower-left corner:

The Author of this Map, in placing of Fort Cumberland, has followed Fry & Jefferson; but is of Opinion, that whenever the Line is run between Pennsylvania, and Maryland, it will pass to the Southward of that Fort.

The map was a massive production for colonial America; at 60 x 30 inches, it is just over four times the



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size of Lewis Evans' *General Map*, which had likewise been published in Philadelphia four years earlier. Scull's map was engraved by James Turner and printed by John Davis, as noted at the bottom center. Little is known about the printer, John Davis. Although he had no shop, he appears to have specialized in large copperplate engravings of maps, as he is the printer identified in the imprint of the 1756 Philadelphia first edition of Joshua Fisher's important chart of Delaware Bay. That map and the present one are his only known works.

17 years after its publication, in August 1776, the map was one of those hanging on the walls of the Board of War in Philadelphia.

Nicholas Scull II

Scull (1687-1761) was a major American surveyor and cartographer of the Colonial Period. He was born in Philadelphia, to Nicholas Scull (also a surveyor) and apprenticed to William Penn's surveyor, Thomas Holme, at an early age. In 1708 he married Abigail Heap. As of 1730, he was a member of Benjamin Franklin's Junto, and Franklin noted Scull as a book lover and someone who was able to speak the local Delaware Indian language.

Scull's two most notable maps are his 1752 *A Map of Philadelphia and Parts Adjacent*, and his 1759 *To the Honourable Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, Esqrs., true & absolute proprietaries & Governours of the Province of Pennsylvania & counties of New-Castle, Kent & Sussex on Delaware this map of the improved part of the Province of Pennsylvania* (the present map).

With his wife Abigail, Scull would have three sons: Edward Scull, John Scull, and Nicholas Scull III, all of whom would become surveyors. The couple also had a daughter, Mary.

State and Rarity

This is the first state, before the addition of text at Nelson's Ferry and the additional road running directly east from Carlisle to Pine Ford.

The last copy we find selling at auction was the Streeter-Welsh-Park-Snider copy, at the Jay Snider Sale, Bloomsbury New York, 2008. That copy brought \$96,000. It was subsequently offered in William Reese's *The Streeter Sale Revisited*, as item 190, for \$135,000.



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There are less than a dozen known institutional copies.

Detailed Condition:

Engraved map on six sheets of laid paper, joined to form one large map. Very minor soiling and foxing.
Altogether Very Good to Very Good +.