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Carte d'Etude [Study Map]

Stock#: 66795
Map Maker: Anonymous
Date: 1787
Place: n.p (France)
Color: Pen & Ink with Wash Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 17.5 x 11 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A superlative example of its kind; an 18th-century French manuscript map drawn by a student (possibly a student surveyor or military officer) to demonstrate competence in the art of classical map drafting.

The map incorporates a diversity of components including a classical cartouche with decorative elements, three inset views, multiple methods of rendering topography and ground cover, plans of fortifications and stately homes and gardens, and a city plan. These elements were evidently included in the same composition to show the student's ability to render different kinds of maps as needed.

Although the map was made for practical didactic purposes, there is a kind of fantastical flair to it. The map shows beautiful towns, gardens, and buildings carved from the landscape and intermingled with rivers and mountains.

Detailed Condition:

Framed and glazed in a 19th-century frame. Not examined out of frame. Some minor wear to the frame.