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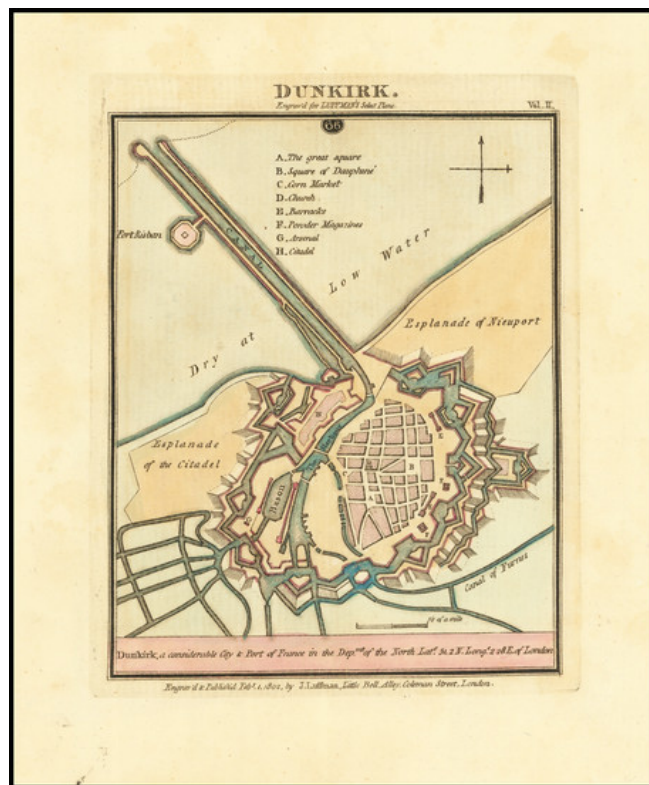
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## Dunkirk

**Stock#:** 78383  
**Map Maker:** Luffman  
**Date:** 1802  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 5 x 6.5 inches (including text)  
**Price:** \$ 145.00



### Description:

Attractive original antique map of the city of Dunkirk in northernmost France published by John Luffman in his *Select Plans*. The plan of the city shows the neighborhoods and defenses of this canal-crossed city. The wide beach, typical of the northern French coastline, is marked dry at low water. A key lists eight places of interest and Fort Risban is marked.

Dunkirk, which started as a modest fishing village, became an important sight of maritime trade from the late Middle Ages onwards. It would later become an important strategic asset that would change hands many times due to its proximity to both the Low Countries and the British Isles.

Luffman's *Select Plans* is an uncommon traveler's guide that served to educate the intrepid traveler regarding any part of the world, from the major cities of Europe to the wild coasts of the Spice Islands. Each of Luffman's maps contained detailed coastal descriptions showing the major landmarks and cities, as well as basic but necessary navigational information. This plate appeared in the second of Luffman's two volumes.



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