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**A Topographical Map of the Northn. Part of New York Island, Exhibiting the Plan of
Fort Washington, Now Fort Knyphausen, with the Rebel Lines to the Southward which
were Forced by the Troops under . . . the Rt. Honble. Earl Percy on the 16th Novr. 1776**

Stock#: 81201
Map Maker: Faden
Date: 1777
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 10.5 x 18.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Original hand-color example of the second state of Faden's battle plan map of Upper Manhattan, including the area now known as Washington Heights.

This map records activity in 1776 when the British, led by General Howe, attacked New York City,



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defended by General Washington. Items are lettered for identification in key at right within the image. Cartographic elements include compass rose, scale, topographical features, locations of troops, batteries, ships, and fortifications.

During the American Revolution, there was tremendous demand in Britain for accurate maps of the events unfolding in America. William Faden quickly became the most prolific of the mapmakers supplying the British public with battle plans and other maps depicting current events in the Colonies. Faden had access to many of the original drawings sent by soldiers and surveyors from the Americas. Faden's maps are among the most accurate of the contemporary maps to depict the battles, events, and locations of the War.

The Revolutionary War in Upper Manhattan

The present map is one of the few maps of the period that show the important events related to the British capture of New York. It shows the movements of the two armies on Manhattan Island in November 1776.

After leaving Boston, the British headed for New York City, which was defended by George Washington and the main Continental Army. In August 1776, the British landed and captured Long Island, forcing the American army out of the southern part of Manhattan. General Howe marched north in pursuit of General Washington, before engaging Washington at the battle of White Plains in October 1777. Washington had left a detachment of troops at Fort Washington, at the northern end of Manhattan, to which Howe turned his attention to in November 1777. The British forced the Americans to surrender, capturing almost three thousand men.

The map shows the British attack, annotating the various stages with a lettered key. Also shown are the positions of the British and American Armies, as well as forts in northern Manhattan and on the west bank of the Hudson River. The map identifies its primary maker as Claude Joseph Sauthier, one of the primary colonial map makers working in the northern British Colonies prior to the outbreak of the war.

States

This is the first state of the map. In the second state, the lines of the "Hessian Column" and the "British Column commanded by Earl Percy" are depicted and labeled.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color.