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The City of New-York, View from Fort Greene, Brooklyn

Stock#: 85333mp2
Map Maker: Magnus
Date: 1877
Place: New York
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 25 x 17 inches
Price: \$ 4,800.00



Description:

Extremely rare color-lithographed view of Manhattan, looking west over the East River from Williamsburg. The view was produced by Charles Magnus, of New York, in 1877.

Interestingly, the view is actually a lithographed reduction of [John Bachmann's 1859 Bird's Eye View of the City of New York](#). In this view, Magnus has reduced the coverage (cutting out much of Brooklyn Heights) and converted the image to a color-print rather than a hand-colored lithograph.

Below the image, many important landmarks are labeled "Fort Greene", "Castle Garden", "East River Bridge" (i.e., the Brooklyn Bridge, before completion), "Jersey City", "Hoboken", "Brooklyn Navy Yard", "Central Park", "Palisades", "Williamsburgh", "Long Island City", and "North, or Hudson River."

Rarity

Bird's-eye views of Manhattan looking from the east are notably scarcer than those looking at the island from the south or from the west, and this view is no exception.

Reps (2727) records only two examples of the view: Museum of the City of New York, and New-York Historical.

We find no examples having appeared on the market.

Detailed Condition:

Expertly repaired tear in the sky and top blank margin. Overall in excellent condition.