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### The Great Cohoe Waterfall: On the Mohawk River

**Stock#:** 86575  
**Map Maker:** Laurie  
  
**Date:** 1827  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 16.5 x 11 inches  
  
**Price:** \$ 750.00



#### Description:

#### *Rare View of the (now lost) Great Cohoe Falls*

Rare engraved image of the Coho Falls on the Mohawk River, published in New York by R.H. Laurie.

The image is the final (and extremely rare) re-issue of one of a series of mezzotint views which was issued collectively as *Scenographia Americana* in 1768. Originally drawn by Colonial Governor Thomas Pownall on one of his trips while governor of Pennsylvania and New York, probably about 1759. The Coho Falls on the Mohawk, now submerged beneath the water behind a dam, was a famous natural phenomenon in America, on the edge of what was then wilderness and before the more spectacular Niagara was reachable by anyone but fur traders. Pownall's view, taken from downstream looking up at the falls, captures the untamed wildness of the scene in a dramatic way.

The present view, re-issued by Robert Holmes Laurie in 1827, omits about 1 inch of the image on the left and bottom portions of the image, but is otherwise very faithful to the original, which was based upon a painting by Paul Sandys from Pownall's original painting.

This RH Laurie issue is extremely rare. The original title, *A View of the Great Cohoes Falls, on the Mohawk River* . . . has been modified.

#### Rarity

We find only a single catalog entry for the map in a 1928 Maggs Brothers Catalog, Item #84, priced at 10 shillings, 6d.



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**Detailed Condition:**