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[First American Post Road Map] New England, New York, New Jersey and Pensilvania

Stock#: 96438
Map Maker: Moll
Date: 1729
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 11 x 8 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Earliest American Map to Show Post Roads.

First state of this detailed regional map of the Northeastern United States, from Moll's *Atlas Minor*, which is generally regarded as the earliest map to show the post roads in America.

The first state of the map included the earliest depiction of the post roads in America, with a detailed explanation of the operating postal routes in America. Postroads are marked with a double line and the cities they pass through are named; other detail is also extensive.

The note at the bottom right of this first state of the map describes how the post sets out every Wednesday night from Philadelphia, makes a few stops, and arrives in New York on Sunday. The post then continues onwards to Boston and beyond, with simultaneous southbound postal services being run. There are many local post offices and three major ones, in Philadelphia, New York, and Boston.

Two states are noted. In the first state (1729), the note at the bottom right appears, but only a single route from Philadelphia to Boston and on to Piscataway is shown. In the second state, a road from New York to Albany and on toward Lake Ontario is shown, and the main route now extends west to Lancaster, before splitting into two routes headed further west.

This is a seminal antique map of the British Colonies in America.

Detailed Condition:

Drawer Ref: New England 1

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