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## Plan De New-York et des Environs Leve par Montessor...1775

**Stock#:** 2858  
**Map Maker:** Le Rouge / Montessor  
**Date:** 1777  
**Place:** Paris  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 23 x 20 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Scarce French edition of Montessor's map of Manhattan. Montessor, born in Gibraltar, was the chief English engineer in America. He commenced his survey of New York in December 1765, at a time when the Stamp Act was spurring the creation of the Sons of Liberty and pushing the Colonists toward revolution. The work quality was hurried and not terribly accurate, owing in part to the local hostilities. The map extends from Greenwich to Crown Point and includes roughly 50 names of places, streets, roads, buildings, etc. Large inset of New York Harbor, complete with soundings, appears in the upper left corner. The Montessor plan of New York is the first large scale plan of the city, predating the John Ratzer plan by one year. Earlier plans were issued by Bellin in 1764 and Maerschallck were on a much smaller scale. The French edition of this map appeared separately and in some copies of Le Rouge's North American Atlas, but is generally much scarcer than the English Dury edition of the map. This example is in a very attractive full wash color, highlighting the fine detail present throughout the map. An essential map for New York City collectors.

### Detailed Condition:

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