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Plan of the Bay, Rock and Town of Gibraltar, from and Actual Survey by and Officer who was at Gibraltar from 1769 to 1775, with the Works, Batteries and Incampments of the Spanish Army on the 19th of Octor. 1782 . . .

Stock#: 42722
Map Maker: Faden
Date: 1783
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 29 x 21 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking battle plan of Gibraltar, showing the positions of the English and Spanish forces during the battles of 1781 and 1782.

Faden's map of the battle at Gibraltar is a remarkable bit of engraving, including tremendous military detail based upon on the spot accounts of the battle with the topographical detail of the best available contemporary surveys of the region.

Among the more colorful annotations and illustrations are the battering ships, fire ships, and the position of the enemies' combined fleet. The map shows anchorages, soundings, battle lines, encampments, roads, towns, and a host of other details, in remarkable clarity.

The Great Siege of Gibraltar was an unsuccessful attempt by Spain and France to capture Gibraltar from the British during the American War of Independence. This was the largest action fought during the war in terms of numbers, particularly the Grand Assault of September 18, 1782. It was the longest siege endured by the British Armed Forces, as well as being one of the longest continuous sieges in history.

This is the second edition of the map, which was originally engraved by Faden in 1781 and lacked all of the battle information.

Detailed Condition: