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View of Quebec (taken from Point Levi)

Stock#: 44560
Map Maker: Heriot
Date: 1807
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 10 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine early view of Quebec, engraved by Joseph Constantine Stadler in London, based upon a painting by George Heriot.

Striking panoramic view of Quebec, which served as the fronticepiece for Heriot's *Travels through the Canadas, containing a description of the picturesque scenery on some of the rivers and lakes*, published by Richard Phillips in London.

Heriot's work is described as "the earliest and most important aquatint book published on Canada" (Hill). Heriot's position as deputy post-master general of British North America, from 1800 to 1816, required that he travel extensively throughout the Canadas. The appointment was a fortunate one for posterity, for it was during these numerous journeys that he executed the fine watercolour and ink sketches which form the basis for the present work. Heriot had received his training from Paul Sandby at the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich, and Spendlove considered him to have been the finest watercolourist working in Canada at the time. In addition to the plates, Heriot's lively text provides one of the best contemporary accounts of the Loyalist settlements in Canada as well as much interesting information on the fur trade, the cod fisheries, travels in the North, and much more.

Detailed Condition: