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New England, New York, New Jersey and Pensilvania (first map to show American postal roads)

Stock#: 49080
Map Maker: Moll
Date: 1729 circa
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, the first American map to describe and depict mail service in the British Colonies in North America.

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.

A seminal antique map of the British Colonies in America.

Detailed Condition: