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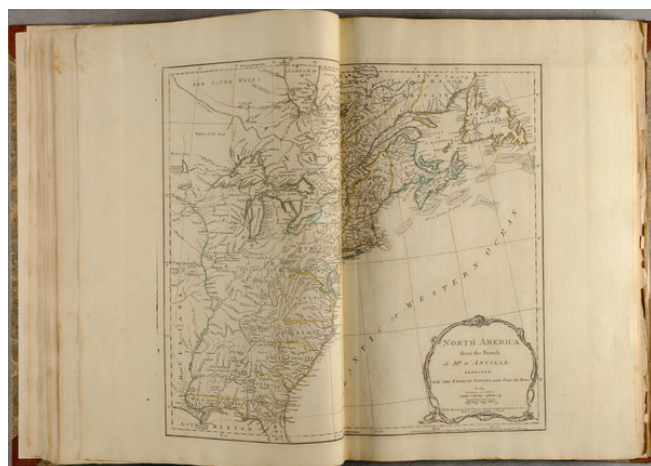
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(American Revolution) The American Atlas; or, A Geographical Description of the Whole Continent of America.

Stock#: 81683
Map Maker: Sayer & Bennett
Date: 1776
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 15.5 x 21.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Definitive Atlas of the American Revolution.

A handsome example of the most important atlas of what would become the United States published during the American Revolution.

Thomas Jefferys's *American Atlas* (somewhat erroneously titled as the famous Jefferys had died five years earlier, and been replaced by a son who was barely involved in the business) represented the definitive compilation of maps of the North American Colonies when it was published in 1775. The present example is the 1776 issue, published by Sayer & Bennett in London as a reaction to the outbreak of war.

This 1776, includes "A New Map of the Province of Quebec," which represents a significant addition, in place of Jefferys's "The Middle British Colonies," and the second issue of Samuel Holland's "The Provinces of New York and New Jersey," published on 20 December 1775.

Detailed Condition:

Folio. Letterpress title and index leaf, otherwise engraved throughout, 23 engraved maps on 30 sheets, of which one is single page, 11 double-page, and 18 folding, by Henry Mouzon, William Scull, Lewis Evans, and others, all on guards, each map handcolored in outline, contemporary manuscript numbering to verso of maps; some foxing, browning, staining, and offsetting throughout, sheet 2 with pen mark to lower left quadrant and right edge repaired, sheet 5 with some browning, staining, and closed tear to fold repaired, lower edge of sheet 17 repaired, sheet 20 with repair to closed split to fold, right and left edges of sheet



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23 repaired, left edge of sheet 24 repaired, a few minor marginal repairs to other sheets (3, 4, 9, 16, 26, 29, and 30). Expertly bound to style in half eighteenth-century russet over contemporary marbled paper covered boards, spines with raised bands in 7 compartments, gilt-lettered morocco label to second, others with repeat decoration in gilt; minor rubbing to boards, endpapers renewed.