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A Map Of The Most Inhabited Part Of New England Containing The Provinces Of Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire. With the Colonies of Conecticut and Rhode Island . . . 1774

Stock#: 11546s
Map Maker: Jefferys / Mead
Date: 1774
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 41 x 40 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Separately issued example of this remarkable large format map of New England & Long Island. First issued by Jefferys in 1755, at the outset of the French & Indian War, the map became the single most influential map of New England for the next 30-40 years, influencing most of the significant policy and boundary decisions of the later part of the English Colonial Period. The map was prepared by Bradock Mead (alias John Green), one of the more colorful characters of the map period, whose failed plan to kidnap and either marry or extort a large ransom for the return of an heiress resulted in his spending the majority of his life underground on the fringes of London's map and print publishing business. The map is an amalgam of contemporary sources, which are identified in table in the upper right portion of the map. However, Douglass' Plan of the British Dominions of New England in North America is a curious (and obvious) omission. Jeffrey's map represents the first widely disseminated large format depiction of the region and a substantial improvement from the Douglass map, in part because of the additional territory covered and almost certainly the additional information which was likely available to Jeffreys and Mead in the several years following the issue of the Douglass map. The map shows towns, counties, townships, rivers, lakes, mountains, islands, bays, roads and a host of other details. This example is the fifth state of the map, the first to appear in Jeffrey's American Atlas, first issued in 1775. While atlas copies of the map



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appear occasionally on the market, separately issued examples are growing quite rare. The present example was originally issued dissected and laid on linen, in case map format. There are very minor losses at the fold intersections, from a history of wear, and the linen has been expertly refreshed. The original outline color is faded, but still present. As a separately issued example, the map has relatively generous margins, as the separately issued examples were frequently trimmed to just outside the neat lines. A bit of soiling, but generally a very well preserved example. McCorkle 755.19, Pritchard & Taliaferro #35; Stevens & Tree #33(e).

Detailed Condition: