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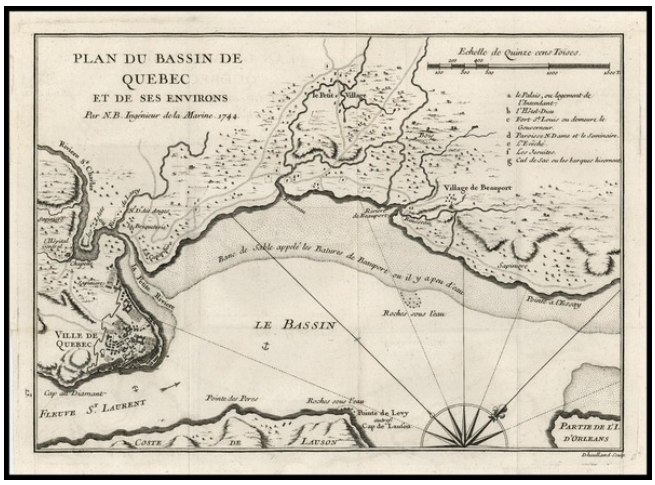
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Plan du Bassin de Quebec et de ses environs . . . 1744

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Description:

Interesting map of the Environs of Quebec, from Charlevoix's *Histoire et description générale de la Nouvelle France.*

In 1720 the Duke of Orleans sent the Jesuit scholar and explorer Pierre François-Xavier de Charlevoix to America to record events in New France and Louisiana and determine the best route to the Pacific Ocean. Charlevoix gathered geographic information from fur traders in Quebec and traveled through the Great Lakes and down the Mississippi River. After he returned to France, Charlevoix published his views on North America in his *Histoire et description générale de la Nouvelle France,* which has become one of the most important works on North America during the period prior to the French & Indian (Seven Years) War.

Thomas Jefferson owned a copy of Charlevoix's *Histoire et description générale* and recommended it, along with the accounts of Hennepin and Lahontan, as a "particularly useful species of reading." He referred to Charlevoix's book as he developed his own ideas of Louisiana and the Northwest.

Detailed Condition: