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Plan of York Town in Virginia And Adjacent Country. Exhibiting the operations of the American French and British armies, during the Siege of that place in October 1781. Surveyed from the 2nd to the 28th Octr.

Stock#: 20661
Map Maker: Tanner / Bauman / Renault
Date: 1825
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 20.5 x 31.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare plan of the siege of Yorktown, issued on the occasion of Lafayette's triumphal 1825 visit to America.

The Renault-Tanner plan is based upon an original plan drawn by Major Sebastian Bauman, one of the four officers in charge of the American batteries during the battle at Yorktown. Bauman began surveying the battlefield three days after the surrender. By 1782, the Bauman plan had been engraved by Robert Scott and sold by subscription. In addition to its sheer visual impact, this plan was one of the finest contemporary depictions of the battle, executed as it was by an officer on the spot. Today, Bauman's map



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In 1824, President James Monroe invited the Marquis de Lafayette to the United States as the "nation's guest." During the next fourteen months Lafayette traveled throughout the whole country, visiting each of the twenty-four states. John F. Renault and Benjamin Tanner undertook to reproduce Bauman's map for presentation to La Fayette, who played a prominent role in the southern campaign, though it is not known who commissioned the engraving or where it was presented.

Renault and Tanner followed Bauman's depiction of the battle quite closely, but they added new legends and ornamentation which, along with the superior engraving, render it a far more attractive map. It is today quite rare on the market, far more so than the 1782 Bauman.

Detailed Condition: