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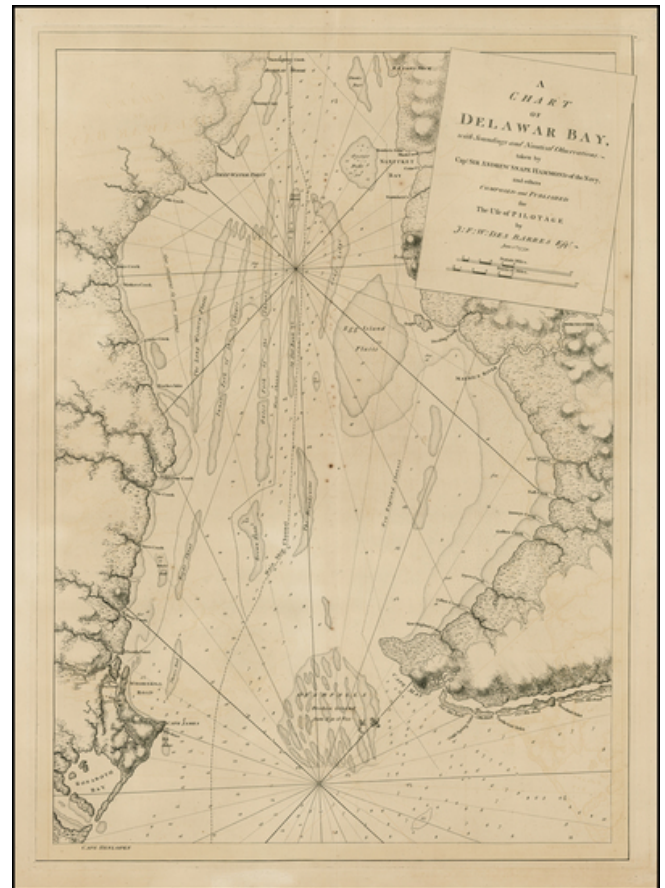
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**A Chart of Delawar Bay, with Soundings and Nautical Observations. taken by Capt.
Andrew Snape Hammond . . . June 1st 1779**

Stock#: 22947
Map Maker: Des Barres
Date: 1779
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 42 x 29.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Reference Sellers and Van Ee, Map 1367, and illustrated on their page 293. Striking and highly detailed chart of Delaware Bay and the mouth of the River, extending from Cape May in the south to Bombay Hook in the north.

Des Barres chart of Delaware Bay was unquestionably the most detailed chart of the Bay produced during the colonial period. This is the second state, extending from Bombay Hook in the North to Cape Henlopen in the South. In describing the map, Sellers and Van Ee note " *Few harbors in America were as carefully charted as Delaware Bay during the colonial period. British naval surveyors were at work in Delaware Bay on the eve of the American Revolution.*"

This fine chart appeared in *the Atlantic Neptune* by Captain Joseph Frederick Wallet des Barres. The



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Atlantic Neptune was remarkable, multi-volume set of sea charts and coastal views prepared from surveys by Samuel Holland, Thomas Hurd, and Charles Blaskowitz. The maps were prepared under the supervision of Des Barres and employed as many as twenty engravers and assistants. The *Atlantic Neptune* is one of the finest large scale sea atlases of the U.S. and Canadian Atlantic coast line ever produced. The maps in the atlas were produced over six year period (1775-81), and are well known for their accurate portrayal of various sounds, bays, bars, and harbors as well as navigational hazards. This atlas was used extensively by the Royal Navy during the American Revolution.

Detailed Condition:

Minor discoloration as centerfold and a few minor marginal tears, just entering printed image.