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A Plan of the City and Environs of New York In North America

Stock#: 26594
Map Maker: Universal Magazine

Date: 1776
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 14.5 x 11.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Detailed Revolutionary War Plan of New York City, published in the November, 1776 of the *Universal Magazine*.

The *Unversal Magazine* plan of the City of New York is among the earliest obtainable maps of New York City.Appearing only 13 years after Bellin's *Ville De Manath ou Nouvelle-Yorc,* the earliest obtainable map of New York City, the Universal Magazine map is an imporant early map of the City, being pehaps the first widely distributed map of New York City in English and an important synthesis the earlies work of Montressor and Ratzer.

The map is a combination of the maps of Montresor (1766) and Ratzen (1767) maps, but with some new additions and details, including the addition of the name *Delaney's New Square* to an area near the Collect Pond (labeled here *Fresh Water*) that is surrounded by blocks of *New Buildings not Finished.* The square which appeared on the Ratzen map as the Great Square is filled now no longer vacant and has been filled in with buildings.

The map names many streets and roads, including Broadway and the *Road to King's Bridge where the Rebels mean to make a Stand,* which runs parallel to *Road to Kepps Bay where the Kings Troops Landed.* It also includes details of wharves, ferries, public buildings, some industries, orchards, gardens, fields, houses (including some resident's names), Fort George, and the battery. The map also covers what was then the rural part of Manhattan Island up to present-day 14th Street and small parts of Long Island.

While the map is not rare, it has becoming increasingly scarce on the market. This is only the second copy

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Detailed Condition:
Minor offsetting and soiling. The map has been professionally flattened, with some minor repairs.