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A New and Correct Plan of the Town of Boston and Provincial Camp

Stock#: 27675
Map Maker: Pennsylvania Magazine
Date: 1775
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 10 x 7 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of the first printed plan of the Battle of Bunker Hill, which appeared in the July 1775 *Pennsylvania Magazine*. This example is offered with the complete July 1775 edition of the magazine.

This map is the earliest printed depiction of Boston after the battle at Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775. Printed weeks before news of the battle reached England, this simple sketch made clear the commanding position enjoyed by the Continental Army. This map shows a larger view of the town of Boston including the layout of the town and in the lower right corner, with the siege of Boston and lines of the provincial (American) forces in the bottom right corner. Prior to the mid-nineteenth century, when the Back Bay was filled in with topsoil, Boston was a peninsula with only a narrow strip of land called "The Neck" connecting the city to the mainland as indicated in the lower left portion of this map. A number of large wharfs are shown on the harbor on the East.



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This map also details the British battery on the common and their fortifications of The Neck. The inset on the lower right shows the provincial lines from Cambridge on the Charles River north to Winter Hill on the Mystic River. At the very bottom of the insert can also be seen the American lines opposite the British forces in the Roxbury area are visible at the very bottom of the insert. This map also indicates forts and artillery positions.

After the Battles of Lexington and Concord some 10,000 provincial militia came from throughout New England and laid siege to Boston effectively stopping the British from leaving the town by land. George Washington took command of these troops as Commander in Chief on July 3, 1775. The siege was in place until the British evacuated Boston on March 17, 1776.

The map is very rare on the market, with only one prior listing in AMPR in the past 30 years.

Detailed Condition:

Text of Magazine laid separately into a custom folder.