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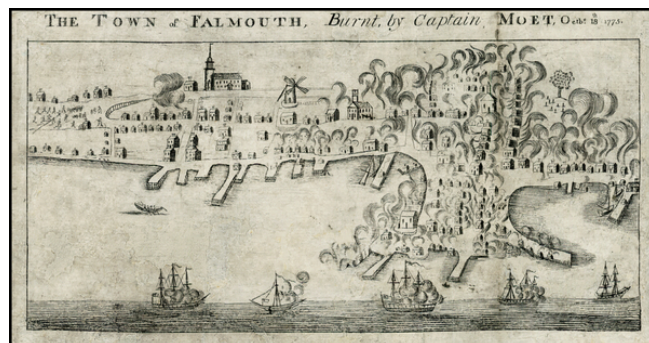
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The Town of Falmouth, Burnt by Captain Moet Octbr. 18th 1775 (Portland, Maine)

Stock#: 28574
Map Maker: Norman

Date: 1782
Place: Boston
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG-
Size: 11 x 5.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Extremely rare view of Falmouth, Maine (Portland), engraved by John Norman.

View of the harbor of Falmouth being attacked by warships. Shws a church, windmill, wharves, ships, and burning dwellings.

Lieutenant Henry Mowatt led a squadron of four British ships to Falmouth harbor, present-day Portland, Maine, and issued an ultimatum that the people of the town give up their weapons or risk destruction of the town. Instigated to subdue the rebellion amongst the colonists, the bombardment of Falmouth instead solidified support of the colonial cause. Authorship of this book is attributed to James Murray by Evans. Shadwell attributes the print to John Norman.

This view is believed to have appeared in volume 3 of *An Impartial History of the War in America, between Great Britain and the United States, from its commencement to the end of the war*. (Boston : Printed by Nathaniel Coverly and Robert Hodge, at their office in Newbury-street, 1781, 1782 and 1784), however we are informed that most copies of this work are defective and we have not located a copy of the book which includes the view.

OCLC locates 2 copies of the view (Library of Congress and New Hampshire Historical Society--partially trimmed into the title)

Detailed Condition:

Several areas of loss in the blank parts of the image, restored on verso, with a bit of loss of image. Flattened and archivally backed.