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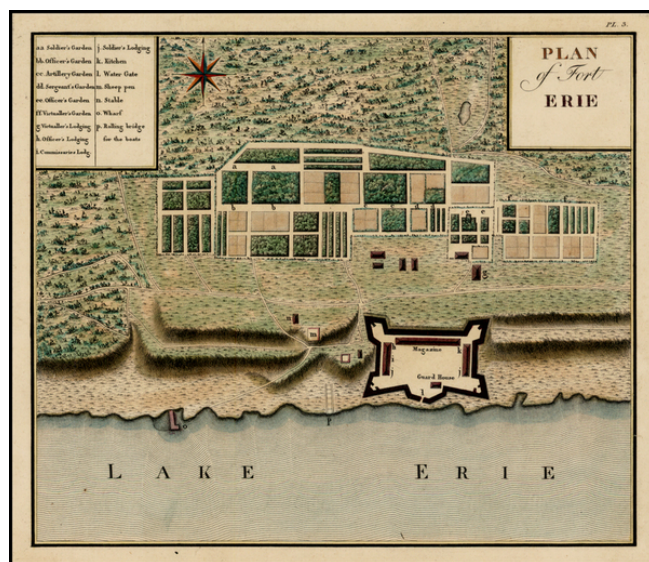
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Plan of Fort Erie

Stock#: 29410
Map Maker: Collot
Date: 1826
Place: Paris
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 9.5 x 8 inches
Price: \$750.00



Description:

Important early plan of Fort Erie, from Collot's monumental *Voyage dans l'Amerique Septentrionale ou Description des Pays Arroses par le Mississippi, l'Ohio, le Missouri, et Autres Rivières Affluentes*, published posthumously in 1826, but based upon Collot's work 20-30 years earlier.

Collot's work is one of the highpoints of post-Revolutionary War Americana. The maps, engraved by Tardieu, are among the earliest detailed depictions of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers along with large maps of the West. Anticipating the reacquisition of Louisiana from Spain, France sent Collot to America in 1796 to gather intelligence about the western part of the continent. Because of the Louisiana Purchase, however, the work was printed, but not published at the time of Gen. Collot's death in 1805. More than 20 years afterwards, the whole impression came into the hands of M. Bertrand, who reserved 100 copies of the English and 300 of the French edition, and made waste paper of the remainder. Siebert Sale 819.

Collot's survey was the most precise of the western interior performed up to that time. The fine engraved plates included plans of Fort Erie, Fort Niagara, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Natchez, Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

Detailed Condition: