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Map of New York I. with the adjacent Rocks and other remarkable Parts of Hell-Gate . . .

Stock#: 32193
Map Maker: Kitchin

Date: 1777
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 10 x 7.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine early map showing area around Manhattan Island, western Long Island and part of Westchester County, which appeared in the *London Magazine* in 1778.

The map illustrates the Revolutionary War campaign in the region, showing the military encampments in Upper Manhattan.

The English city of New York has moved north toward what is now City Hall Park, with recent growth in the population up the Bowery, then a major highway leading toward the Eastern or Boston Post Road. During the entire period of the American Revolution, New York was occupied by British troops.

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Hell-Gate is a focal point of the map, with arrows pointing out the circuitous "ship course" for safe passage. Adrian Block, the Dutch explorer, named Helegat or Hell-Gate when he sailed his *Tyger* through it in 1612. Thousands of vessels were lost in its unusual tidal currents, generated by a ledge of rocks projecting into the water from Long Island.

Detailed Condition: