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Plan of the Bay, Rock and Town of Gibraltar, from and Actual Survey by and Officer who was at Gibraltar from 1769 to 1775. Engraved by William Faden 1781.

Stock#: 37543
Map Maker: Faden
Date: 1781
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 29 x 21 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

First edition of this scarce map of Gibraltar, pre-dating the later addition of the positions of the English and Spanish during the battles of 1782.

Faden's plan of Gibraltar is a remarkable bit of engraving, including tremendous detail of the region. This first edition pre-dates the battles of 1782, during which time Faden re-engraved the map and added fortifications and other battle related details, to illustrate the Great Siege of Gibraltar.

The Great Siege of Gibraltar was an unsuccessful attempt by Spain and France to capture Gibraltar from the British during the American War of Independence. This was the largest action fought during the war in terms of numbers, particularly the Grand Assault of September 18, 1782. It was the longest siege endured by the British Armed Forces, as well as being one of the longest continuous sieges in history.

Detailed Condition: