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New England, New York, New Jersey and Pensilvania (Rare Second State of the first map to depict American Post Roads)

Stock#: 37864
Map Maker: Moll
Date: 1743 circa
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 10 x 7 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare second state of this detailed regional map of the northeastern United States, from Moll's *Atlas Minor*, which is generally regarded as the earliest map to show the post roads in America.

The present state of the map is noteworthy for two reasons, the expansion of the post roads depicted in the first state of the map and the addition of significant new information in the western parts of the map.

The first state of the map included the earliest depiction of the post roads in America, with a detailed explanation of the operating postal routes. The first American map to describe and depict mail service in the British Colonies in North America.

In the first state (1729), the note at the bottom right appears, but only a single route from Philadelphia to Boston and on to Piscataway is shown. In the second state, a road from New York to Albany and on toward Lake Ontario is shown, and the main route now extends west to Lancaster, before splitting into two routes headed further west.

The second state also adds a number of new settlements in Pennsylvania, west of the Sasquahanna River and depicts for the first time the headwaters of the Ohio River. The detail in the Hudson River Valley, Connecticut River Valley, Susquahannah River Valley and Delaware River Valley are also greatly improved, with many new place names and Indian villages named. Fort Shirely and Fort Drummer appear for the first time.



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The appearance of Fort Drummer is of note. Located in the foothills of the Green Mountains near Brattleboro, Vermont, it became the first white settlement in Vermont. It was first established in 1724 under the command of Colonel Timothy Dwight and was manned by a dozen Mohawk native Americans and 43 English soldiers as a means of protecting the western parts of Massachusetts Colony from attacks by the French and French allied Indians.

While the second state appears with some frequency, this is the first time we have offered the second state for sale. We have dated the map based on the appearance of the Lawrence Line.

Detailed Condition: