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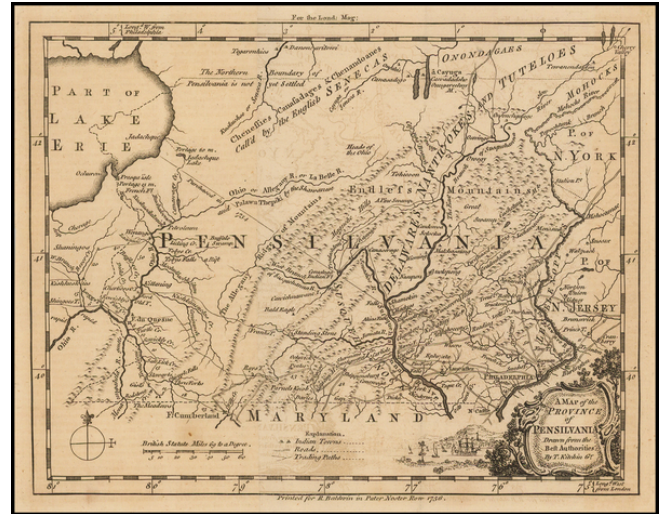
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A Map of the Province of Pensilvania Drawn from the Best Authorities By T. Kitchin Gr.

Stock#: 47699
Map Maker: Kitchin
Date: 1756
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 6.5 x 8.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The First Map of The Complete Province of the Pennsylvania

Finely engraved map of the Province of Pennsylvania by Thomas Kitchin, Geographer, and printed by R. Baldwin for the *London Magazine*, 1756.

A fine example of this scarce map of Colonial Pennsylvania. This is the first map of Pennsylvania itself, rather than the Philadelphia or Mid-Atlantic regions. It pre-dates the larger and better known 1759 Scull map by three years.

The map is very crisply detailed with roads, portages, forts, towns and villages, watershed and mountains. A surprising number of roads run between Philadelphia and towns in the southeast portion of the colony, running all the way to Fort Cumberland in Maryland. In the western frontier there are several Indian tribes and villages located, as well as several settlements including Petroleum, Wenang, Fort du Quesne and more.

The map was printed for R. Baldwin in Pater Noster Row, and appeared in the December 1756 issue of the *London Magazine*. It is based on the 1749 Evans map and incorporates the 1732 boundary accord of Lord Baltimore and the Penns, which set the boundary at essentially its present position. The boundary with New York is placed at about 42° 30' and is labeled "not yet settled." The western boundary is a mirror image of the eastern and is placed just west of Fort du Quesne.

The map is very up-to-date with the Ohiopyle Falls on the Youghioghene River identified. As was the



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practice of the day, longitude from Philadelphia is noted at top, from London at the bottom. Legend identifies Indian Towns, Roads, and Trading Paths.

Decorative title cartouche with ships at anchor.

Detailed Condition:

Minor offsetting.