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A View of the Taking of Quebec by the English Forces Commanded by Genl. Wolfe Sep: 13th 1759.

Stock#: 47991
Map Maker: London Magazine
Date: 1760
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 10 x 7 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Interesting view of the British attack on Quebec, showing the British forces moving across the St. Lawrence River and attacking the French encampments at Quebec.

The view depicts what has also become known as the Battle of the Plains of Abraham, a pivotal battle in the French and Indian War. The battle began on September 13, 1759, between the British Army and Navy against the French Army on a plateau just outside the walls of Quebec City, on land that was originally owned by a farmer named Abraham Martin, hence the name of the battle. The battle involved fewer than 10,000 troops between both sides, but proved to be a deciding moment in the conflict between France and Britain over the fate of New France, influencing the later creation of Canada.

The culmination of a three-month siege by the British, the battle lasted about 15 minutes. British troops commanded by General James Wolfe successfully resisted the column advance of French troops and Canadian militia under General Louis-Joseph, Marquis de Montcalm. In the wake of the battle, the French evacuated the city.

The decisive success of the British forces and the subsequent capture of Quebec City formed part of what became known as the "Annus Mirabilis" in Great Britain.

Detailed Condition: