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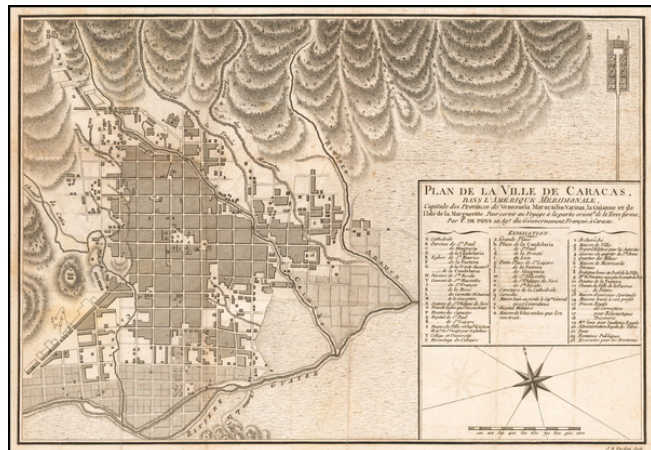
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Plan de la Ville de Caracas, Dans L'Amerique Meridionale, Capitale des Provinces de Venezuela, Maracaibo, Varinas, la Guianne et de l'Isle de la Margeritte, Par F. de Pons, ex Agt du Guouvernement Francais a Caracas

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Map Maker: Tardieu
Date: 1806
Place: Paris
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Size: 10 x 14 inches
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Description:

Scarce early map of Caracas, published shortly before the Independence of Nueva Granada.

The town of Caracas is quite small, with the map showing city limits to be about 16 blocks by 12 blocks, with ravines, mountains, rivers, and small agricultural holdings establishing its perimeter. The key locates a number of civic and administrative buildings, such as the prison, the college, military barracks, the grand plaza, the hospital, and the homes of some wealthy elites. Public fountains are shown, about four blocks northwest of the Grand Plaza.

A number of different parishes, churches, monasteries, and convents are shown, at least fifteen named locations with definite affiliation to religious institutions.

The map appeared in Francois Raymond Joseph de Pons' *Voyage a la partie orientale de la Terre-Ferme, dans l'Amérique méridionale, fait pendant les années 1801, 1802, 1803 et 1804: contenant la description de la Capitainerie générale de Caracas, composée des Provinces de Venezuela, Maracaïbo, Varinas, la Guiane Espagnole, Cumana et de l'Ile de la Marguerite*, published in 1806.

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