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A Plan of the City of New-York & its Environs to Greenwich, on the North or Hudson's River, and to Crown Point, on the East or Sound River, Shewing the Several Streets, Publick Buildings, Docks, Forts & Battery . . . Surveyed in the Winter, 1775 . . .

Stock#: 57086
Map Maker: Valentine's Manual / Montessor
Date: 1775 (1855 ca)
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 23 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of the Valentine's Manual edition of Montessor's map of Manhattan.

Montessor, born in Gibraltar, was the chief English engineer in America. He commenced his survey of New York City in December 1765, at a time when the Stamp Act was spurring the creation of the Sons of Liberty and pushing the Colonists toward Revolution. The work quality was hurried and not terribly accurate, owing in part to the local hostilities.

The map extends from Greenwich to Crown Point and includes roughly 50 names of places, streets, roads, buildings, etc., and includes a large inset of New York Harbor, complete with soundings.

The Montessor plan of New York is the first large scale plan of the city, predating the John Ratzer plan by one year. Earlier plans were issued by Bellin in 1764 and Maerschallck were on a much smaller scale.



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Detailed Condition: