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A Map of the British and French Settlements in North America . . . exhibiting the just Boundaries & the French Encroachments: Laid down from Authentic Surveys

Stock#: 59117
Map Maker: Bowen
Date: 1755
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.25 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare 2-sheet map of the British Colonies in North America, based upon John Mitchell's seminal 8-sheet map of North America, shortly before the start of the French & Indian War.

The pair of maps appeared with a detailed 4 part account of North America published in the *General Magazine of Arts & Sciences* in London in 1755. The maps illustrate a decidedly British view of the then hotly contested boundaries between the French & British controlled regions in North America, including a number of highly controversial claims to regions then primarily occupied by the French.

Among the more controversial claims, the map identifies "the Bounds of the Six Nations, the Bounds of Hudson Bay by the Treaty of Utrecht, and Northern Bounds of New England by Charter Nov. 3rd 1620, and which extends Westward to the Sth. Sea." Filled with other interesting notations and the locations of Indian tribes, villages, forts and early settlements.

The pair of maps is quite scarce on the market, this being the second time we have offered the maps (individually or as a pair) in the past 20 years.

Detailed Condition:

2-sheets joined. Minor discoloration where the two sheets are joined.