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## Plan De New-York et des Environs Leve par Montessor . . . 1775

**Stock#:** 59304  
**Map Maker:** Le Rouge / Montessor  
**Date:** 1777  
**Place:** Paris  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 19.5 x 23 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### *Proof State in Fine Original Color*

Fine example of the rare French 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. Among the lists of important places is the New York's "Sinagogue".

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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The French edition of this map appeared separately and in some copies of Le Rouge's *Recueil des plans de l'Amerique septentrionale*, but is much rarer than Dury's English edition of the map.

An essential map for New York City collectors.

**Rarity -- Proof State**

This state is earlier than others we have encountered -- church numbers 1 and 2 "Anabaptistes" and "Moarves" are not engraved in the key and are entered in early ink manuscript.

The map is scarce on the market, and quite exceptional in full original color.

**Detailed Condition:**

Full original color, with some minor retouching.