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## [Early Postal Routes in The Colonies] New Engelland New York New Yersey und Pensilvania

Stock#: 64712 Map Maker: Homann

**Date:** 1730

Place: Nuremberg
Color: Hand Colored

**Condition:** VG

**Size:** 11 x 8 inches

**Price:** SOLD



#### **Description:**

### Second Earliest Earliest American Map to Show Post Roads in the Colonies

Finely executed regional map of the Northeastern United States, illustrating the American Postal Road System in the British Colonies.

Homann's map is drawn from the first state of Herman Moll's map of the same region, which appeared in Moll's *Atlas Minor*, and is generally regarded as the earliest map to show the post roads in America.

The first state of the Moll's map included the earliest depiction of the post roads in America, with a detailed explanation of the operating postal routes in America, the first American map to describe and depict mail service in the British Colonies in North America.

In the first state of Moll's map (1729), the note at the bottom right appears, but only a single route from Philadelphia to Boston and on to Piscataway is shown. In the second state, a road from New York to Albany and on toward Lake Ontario is shown, and the main route now extends west to Lancaster, before splitting into two routes headed further west.

A seminal antique map of the British Colonies in America.

#### **Detailed Condition:**