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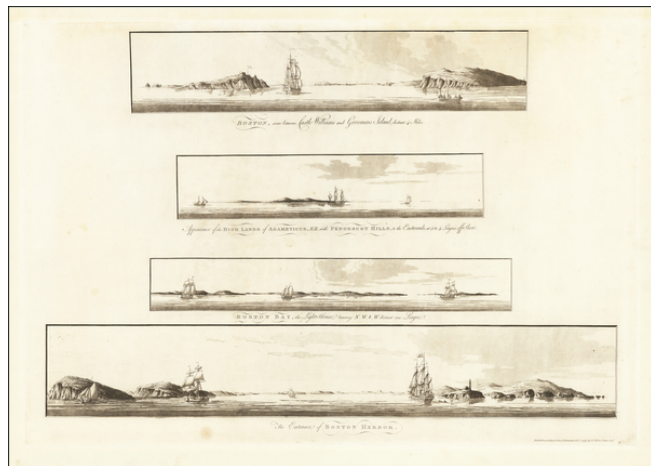
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[Boston -- 4 Views From The Harbor]

Stock#: 65118
Map Maker: Des Barres
Date: 1777
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 29 x 20.5 inches
Price: \$3,800.00



Description:

Sailing Into Boston Harbor During The American Revolution

Large aquatint and engraved sheet with four profile views of Boston, which were published by J.F.W. Des Barres, which appeared in his *Atlantice Neptune*.

This sheet of views would have used by navigators approaching Boston during the Revolution, to accompany the sailing directions and chart of Boston Harbor also created by Des Barres. The views include:

- Boston, as seen between Castle Williams and Governors Island, distant 4 miles
- Appearance of the High Lands of Agameticus, N.E. with Penobscot Hills, to the Eastwards, at 3 to 4 Leagues off Shore
- Boston Bay, the Light House bearing N.W. b. W. distant one League
- The Entrance of Boston Harbor

The Atlantic Neptune

The chart was issued in *The Atlantic Neptune*, an atlas of North American waters published in London by J.F.W. Des Barres and used by British navigators throughout the American Revolution. The charts were of an extraordinarily high quality, remained the standard for decades, and were often copied and reissued by American and European engravers and publishers.

Copies of the Neptune were apparently made up to order, and new charts, maps and views were being



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produced throughout the Revolutionary years, and there was thus no standard collation. The most complete versions extended to five volumes, covering in turn Nova Scotia, New England, the River and Gulf of St. Lawrence (based on the work of James Cook), the coast south of New York, and American coastal views. The volumes integrated nautical charts, recognition views and sailing directions to provide seamen with multiple, (hopefully) complementary data sets for navigating the often difficult waters off the East Coast and Gulf of Mexico.

Detailed Condition: