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General Washington

Stock#: 68650
Map Maker: Trumbull / De Poggi
Date: 1796
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 18 x 27.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Early state of this finely engraved portrait of General George Washington on the Battlefield at Trenton, engraved by John Cheesman and published by Antonio C. de Poggi in London, in 1796.

Of note in this image, in addition to the fine image of Washington, is the appearance of the Betsy Ross flag on the battlefield.

The map is based upon a painting by John Trumbull showing Washington at Trenton. The original painting was commissioned by the city of Charleston, South Carolina, in 1792 and is currently in the Yale University collection. Choosing to depict Washington in a dramatic moment of decision the evening before



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the surprise attack, Trumbull wrote that he intended "to give his military character, in the most sublime moment of its exertion." It is one of the finest depictions of Washington in life. Trumbull referred to the map as the "best certainly of those which I painted, and the best, in my estimation, which exists, [of Washington] in his military character."

John Trumbull served as an aide to George Washington during the American Revolutionary War. He then travelled to London to study painting and made several paintings of George Washington from memory. In addition to his portrait paintings of George Washington, John Trumbull is famous for the large murals that he painted of the American Revolution which hang in the rotunda of the U.S. Capitol.

This is an earlier state of the engraving, which is taller than usual state, which has Washington's name in script below the image.

Detailed Condition:

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