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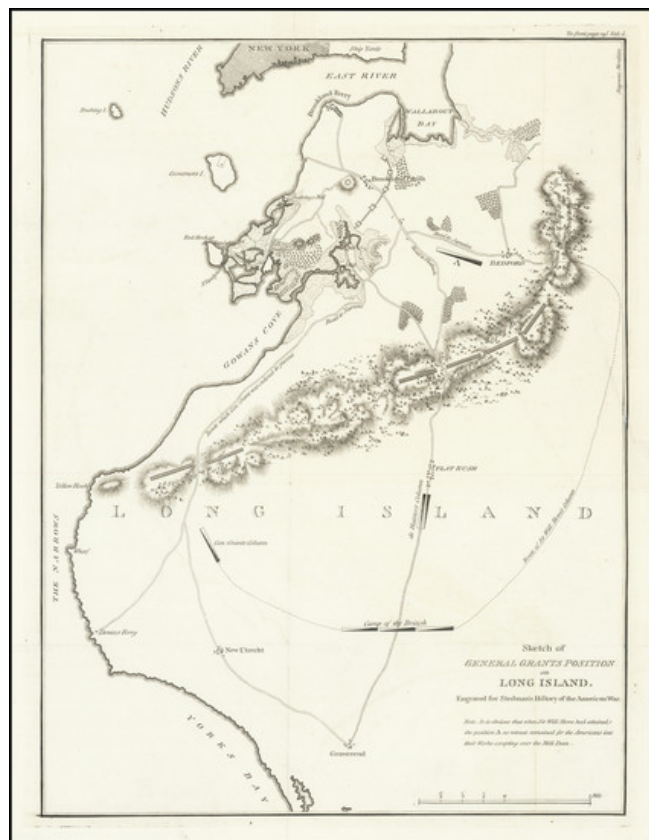
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Map Maker: Stedman / Faden
Date: 1794
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 10.5 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of the map showing General Grant's Position during the Battle of Long Island in 1776.

The map shows the movements of Admiral William Howe, the Camp of Generals Sullivan and Stirling, Grant's route to Brooklyn Ferry and De Haister's Hessians, along with the British Camp. From Stedman's *History of the American War*.

Grant & Battle of Long Island

As the British tried to gain control of New York City, General James Grant, Laird of Ballindalloch, had become Lord Admiral Howe's primary planning officer. He developed two plans, each designed to both gain control of territory and to deal a serious or fatal blow to the Continental Army. These resulted in the Battle of Brooklyn, and Battle of White Plains.



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In the Battle of Long Island on August 26-27, 1776, General Grant led the division that landed on the left wing. He was to engage the American right and divert attention from Howe's flanking maneuver with the main body. An advance unit of his troops engaged the Americans at the Red Lion Inn, which was the first engagement of the battle. Grant completed his mission, and strongly defeated the American General William Alexander's division.

After the event, Grant was criticized by some for allowing the escape of most of this force. He had almost 7,000 men in ten regiments opposing Alexander's 1,600 Continentals, but there were factors at play other than troop strength. First, Grant stopped his advance according to the British plan, awaiting Howe's attack on the American rear, rather than attacking the Americans who were dug in on the Brooklyn heights. Second, he was running low on ammunition. Boats and logistic support were busy ferrying and supplying the Hessian units on the right and the main body that was landing at Gravesend, Brooklyn.

Detailed Condition:

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