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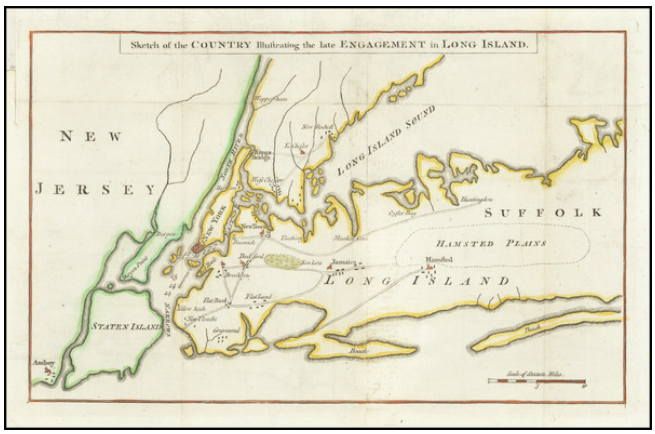
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Sketch of the Country Illustrating the late Engagement in Long Island

Stock#: 73481
Map Maker: Gentleman's Magazine

Date: 1776
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 12.5 x 8 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

George Washington and the Battle of Long Island

Detailed early Revolutionary War battle plan of the area around New York City, depicting the battles of Long Island and the site of the Battle of White Plains, in 1776.

The map shows battle details of General George Washington's engagement at the Battle of Long Island.

The British placed General William Howe in charge of the greatest army England ever sent overseas, forces superior to any the Americans could put in the field. In June of 1776, a large British war fleet led by Howe sailed into New York harbor. A month later an army of 10,000 men landed on Staten Island, unopposed by the Americans. All during July and August British reinforcements continued their build-up until Howe was in command of a combined force of 32,000 men, of whom 9000 were German mercenaries. During the final days of August in the Battle of Long Island, Howe inflicted a crushing defeat on Washington's army.

To escape the onslaught, Washington withdrew his colonial forces from Brooklyn Heights to Manhattan. Less than two weeks later he decided to evacuate New York City, rather than be trapped in lower Manhattan. However, before he withdrew from the city Washington prepared fortifications in upper Manhattan and was able to repulse the British army in the Battle of Harlem Heights. In October in the face of the advancing British forces, Washington evacuated his main force from Manhattan Island, leaving behind a garrison at Fort Washington, and marched to White Plains. In the Battle of White Plains the British inflicted heavy casualties on Washington's army, whereupon Washington slipped away westward to North Castle on November 1, 1776. Two weeks later the British forces under Gen. Howe captured the American garrison at Fort Washington, taking more than 2800 prisoners. After deciding to abandon the

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New York area, Washington moved his forces across the Hudson River and into New Jersey. Joined by General Greene's troops at Hackensack, they retreated together toward the Delaware River with General Cornwallis at their heels.

This is the first state of the map, issued in October 1776, pre-dating the inclusion of the battle of White Plains (the second state has a different title).

Detailed Condition: