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The Town of Boston in New England by Capt. John Bonner 1722 . . .

Stock#: 73843
Map Maker: Bonner / Smith
Date: 1722 (1835)
Place: Boston
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 23 x 16.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Very nice example of the 1835 edition of John Bonner's map of Boston, the most famous and desirable of Boston maps.

The maps origins are explained in a note under the title block: "Engraved from a copy in the possession of Wm. Taylor Esq. and published by George G. Smith, Engraver Corner of Washington and Franklin Streets Boston. 1835."

The early 19th century featured the first wave of real interest in antiquarian Americana and consequently saw a cottage industry develop for the reproduction of the most famous articles from the previous two centuries. This map is one of the best products of that movement.

Interestingly, the George G. Smith re-engraving of the map was undertaken not long after the original Bonner plate stopped being printed, the final state of which was printed in 1769. Smith's map is based on the 1725 edition of the Bonner, of which there is only one extant copy, at Mass Historical.

The map is a wonderful representation of Boston's original peninsular form, with detail rendered to the individual house.

Detailed Condition:

Several expertly repaired tears.