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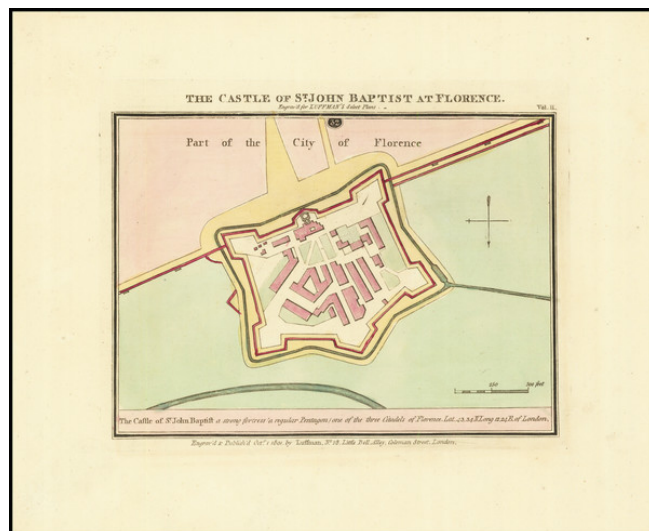
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### The Castle of St. John Baptist at Florence

**Stock#:** 79469  
**Map Maker:** Luffman  
**Date:** 1801  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 6.5 x 5.25 inches (including text)  
**Price:** \$ 125.00



#### Description:

Scarce map of the Fortezza da Basso on the northern edge of the oldest part of the city of Florence. With north pointing towards the bottom of the plan, the city of Florence is shaded in pink at the top of the map, while the fort is shown with individual fortifications and buildings.

The Fortezza da Basso was built during the first half of the 16th century and embedded into the 14th-century city walls. The pentagonal plan allowed for a strong defense of Florence from foreign invaders, as well as providing a refuge for officials should the city be taken.

Luffman's *Select Plans* is an uncommon traveler's guide that served to educate the intrepid traveler regarding any part of the world, from the major cities of Europe to the wild coasts of the Spice Islands. Each of Luffman's maps contained detailed coastal descriptions showing the major landmarks and cities, as well as basic but necessary navigational information. This plate appeared in the second of Luffman's two volumes.

#### Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color.