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A New and Correct Plan of the Town of Boston

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Map Maker: Gentleman's Magazine

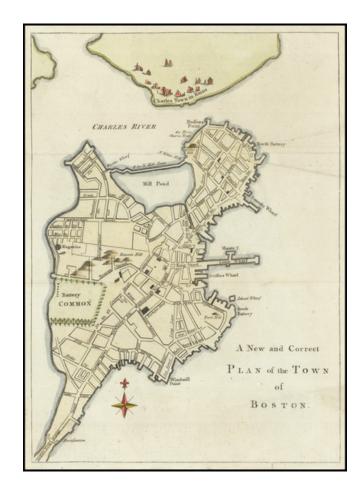
Date: 1775 Place: London

Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG+

Size: 7.5 x 10.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Boston in the Wake of the Battle of Bunker Hill

The map offers a highly detailed depiction of Boston and the neighboring Charles Town during the first months of the American Revolution.

The map depicts the peninsula of Boston with Charles Town to the north, both surrounded by the Charles River and Boston Harbor. Streets are meticulously plotted, with several intersections marking historic junctions in the town. Notable streets such as Milk Street, Orange Street, and Union Street can be discerned, adding a sense of familiarity to those aware of Boston's cityscape.

The wharfs extending into the harbor are well delineated. Waldo's Wharf and Hudson's Point are distinctively labeled, presenting the prime trade hubs of the period. The South Battery and North Battery



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are clearly marked along the waterfront, representing defensive structures protecting the city from potential waterborne threats.

Among other unique features, the map exhibits the outlines of significant areas like Battery Common and Dock Square, along with landmarks like Boston Hill and Corps Hill, showcasing the city's unique topography. Mill Pond, is rendered towards the city's northwestern corner. The Magazine, a storage area for military ammunition, is also depicted, underscoring popular interest in fortified Boston among British readers.

Across the river to the north, Charles Town is represented, with visible buildings greatly damaged, noted as the 'Ruins of Charles Town,' a grim testament to the recent Battle of Bunker Hill. The Charles Town Ferry is shown, indicating the connection between these two integral towns.

In all, a fascinating look into what was then one of the first war time maps of Boston available to London's literate populace.

Detailed Condition: