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Plan des Lignes et Campements des Armees des Alliez commandees par le Roy de la Grande Bretagne devant la Ville et Chateau de Namur

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Map Maker: Visscher II / Elliger
Date: 1695
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 22.25 x 16.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Detailed battle plan of Namur and environs, showing the dispositions of the besieging forces, with a portrait of William III above the royal arms. The map centers on Namur and extends far into the fields and countryside, with battery positions shown throughout. This map was published by Nicolas II Visscher following the drawings of Ottmar Elliger the Younger.

The Siege of Namur was a battle during the Nine Years' War, fought between France and a European coalition led by the Holy Roman Empire. Seven years into the war, the French under Louis XIV had become more defensive in Flanders, and they settled into Namur as one of their key strategic points. The Grand Alliance viewed the recapture of Namur as critical, particularly for the Dutch who saw its defensive capabilities as necessary for negotiating a favorable truce.

The capture of Namur would take the Allies a prolonged period of time. Within a month, they had fought their way into the city, and the French withdrew into the citadel. Numerous attacks and counterattacks followed, but a massive offensive on the 30th of August would end the siege.

This battle plan was originally published by Jean Tronchin de Breuil in his *Relation de la Campagne de Flandre*.

Detailed Condition:

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