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A Map of the Harbour of Louisbourg and parts adjacent

Stock#: 93282
Map Maker: Kitchin
Date: 1758
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 7 x 4.5 inches
Price: \$ 125.00



Description:

This 1758 antique map, titled *A Map of the Harbour of Louisbourg and parts adjacent*, depicts the harbor of Louisbourg, Cape Breton, Canada, during the time of its second British capture. Published in the *London Magazine*, this map provides valuable insights into the strategic significance of Louisbourg, a key French settlement fortified with an imposing fortress.

Louisbourg played a critical role in the conflicts of the 18th century. Initially captured by British colonists in 1745, the settlement became a significant bargaining chip in the negotiations that led to the 1748 Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle, which ended the War of the Austrian Succession. As part of the treaty, Louisbourg was returned to the French in exchange for border towns in present-day Belgium.

However, the strategic importance of Louisbourg continued to draw attention, and the settlement was captured once more by British forces in 1758 during the Seven Years' War. Following this second capture, British engineers systematically destroyed the fortress's fortifications to prevent its future use as a military stronghold.

Detailed Condition:

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