



A British military atlas for the War of Independence

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The American Military Pocket Atlas; being An approved Collection of Correct Maps, both general and particular, of the British Colonies; Especially those which now are, or probably may be The Theatre of War: Taken principally from the actual Surveys and judicious Observations of Engineers De Brahm and Römans; Cook, Jackson, and Collet;; Maj. Holland, and Other Officers, Employed in His Majesty's Fleets and Armies.

London: Sayer & Bennett, 1776. 8vo, contemporary marbled boards rebaked with calf gilt with maroon calf title label; title, pp. vi-viii (dedication letter and Advertisement + list of maps; with six folding engraved maps with original outline colour, as called for,

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A fine example of the rare 'Holster Atlas', "calculated in its bulk to suit the pockets of Officers of all Ranks". The atlas was created on the suggestion of Sir George Pownall, Governor of Massachusetts 1757-60, to whom it is dedicated; two of the maps are based on his work. The six maps it contains are regarded as particularly important to the mapping of the American Revolution because they represent the knowledge of the terrain the British based their strategies on. The final map is the first separately published map of Lake Champlain. The maps are: "North America, as Divided amongst the European Powers. By Samuel Dunn, Mathematician"; "A Compleat Map of the West Indies, containing the Coasts of Florida, Louisiana, New Spain, and Terra Firma: with all the Islands. By Samuel Dunn, Mathematician "; "A General Map of the



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Northern British Colonies in America. Which comprehends The Province of Quebec, The Government of Newfoundland, Nova-Scotia, New-England and New-York. From the Maps Published by the Admiralty and Board of Trade, Regulated by the Astronomic Observations of Major Holland. And Corrected from Governor Pownall's Late Map 1776"; "A General Map of the Middle British Colonies, in America. Containing Virginia, Maryland, the Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. With the addition of New York, and of the Greatest Part of New England, as also of the Bordering Parts of the Province of Quebec, improved from several Surveys made after the late War, and Corrected from Governor Pownall's Late Map 1776"; "A General Map of the Southern British Colonies, in America. Comprehending North and South Carolina, Georgia, East and West Florida, with the Neighbouring Indian Countries. From the Modern Surveys of Engineer de Brahm, Capt. Collet, Mouzon & Others; and from the Large Hydrographical Survey of the Coasts of East and West Florida. By B. Romans, 1776"; and "A Survey of Lake Champlain, including Lake George, Crown Point and St. John. Surveyed by Order of His Excellency Major General S.r Jeffery Amherst, Knight of the most Hon.ble Order of the Bath, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in North America, (now Lord Amherst) by William Brassier, Draughtsman. 1762". The pagination anomalies are replicated in other examples of the atlas we have examined.

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