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THE FIRST ACCURATE SURVEY OF MARSEILLES

Geometral de la Ville, Citadelle, Port et Arcenaix de Marseille.

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Large engraved plan on two sheets.

Dimensions
715 by 1145mm (28.25 by 45 inches).

Notes
This highly detailed plan shows battlements, streets, fortifications, principal buildings, dockyards, and the estates that surround the port. To the upper left is a key – listing 97 places of interest on the plan – framed within an elaborate cartouche celebrating the Marseilles maritime power. The plan is dedicated to Monseigneur de Phelippeaux (Louis II Phélypeaux de Pontchartrain – 1643-1727) who was among many other things Secretary to the Navy between 1690 and 1699. The plan was first

published by Nicolas Visscher in Amsterdam, at the beginning of the eighteenth century. The present example is the second state with the imprint of J. B. Benoit and dated 1743.

Joseph Razaud (1685-1754) was an military engineer who over saw the fortifications of Guyenne et du Béarn en 1737, and took part in the Italian campaigns of 1747-1748.

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