PLAN OF NEW HAVEN

TO THE

Mayor Aldermen & Common Council

OF THE

CITY of NEW HAVEN

This Plan

Is with all due Respect most humbly

DEDICATED

By their most obedient

Humble Servant

Andr. Doolittle

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A Short Geographical Description of

NEW HAVEN.

The City of New Haven lies at the head of its harbour, which sets up about four miles from Long Island Sound, in 41 degrees 18 minutes N. latitude, & 72°.56'. W. longitude; and is the Semi-capital of Connecticut. It is built on a plain tract of land, which is about 2 miles from N. to S. & 3 miles from E. to W. and is enarched by a fine Amphitheatre of hills on all sides except the harbour; Some of these hills are very bold & Majestick precipices, particularly the East & West Rocks, which are composed of upright columns of rude naked rocks set one on the other to the height of 400 feet.

The City is divided into two parts called the Old & the New Townships. The original, or Old Town was laid out in Nine squares, each 32 rods on a side, & separated by streets 4 rods in breadth, running S. 32°. W. & E. 32°. S. The center Square is called the Public Square and is set all round with two rows of trees, enclosed by a handsome railing, and is allowed to be the handsomest piece of ground of the kind in the United States. The surrounding squares, by an act of the Corporation, have been divided into four squares each, with suitable streets running parallel with the original streets.

The New Township lies directly East of the Old, and extends to the East River. It is a beautiful level piece of ground, laid out with convenient streets, crossing each other nearly at right angles. Besides these two divisions, there has lately been laid out, by the Honourable James Hillhouse Esqr, a tract on the North part of the Old town, commencing at Grove Street, and running on to Mount Pleasant, forming a number of handsome squares. There has also a tract been laid out on the West side of the Harbour, commonly called the Oysterpoint quarter, forming a number of convenient streets for building lots.

The Houses, are in general two stories high, and built of wood, in a neat and handsome stile but not expensive; however there are several built of brick and stone three stories high. Most of the buildings stand on the streets forming the squares, but not in a direct line; many are indented, so as to form handsome court-yards in front, which the owners spare no pains in having neatly fenced and ornamented with ever-greens & flowering shrubs. Almost every house is furnished with a piece of ground sufficiently large for a good garden; many are large enough to contain most kinds of valuable fruit-trees suited to our climate. The Inhabitants of New-Haven pride themselves very much in the cultivation of their gardens. On the whole it may be said, that there are few places better supplied than New-Haven, with every thing calculated to render life comfortable & agreeable.

The Buildings in this Plan are marked differently from what is customary. Instead of giving the ground-plot, it was thought it would be more pleasing to have the elevation of the Front. In doing this care has been taken, not only to exhibit the proportions of each building, but likewise the exact number of its doors & windows.

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