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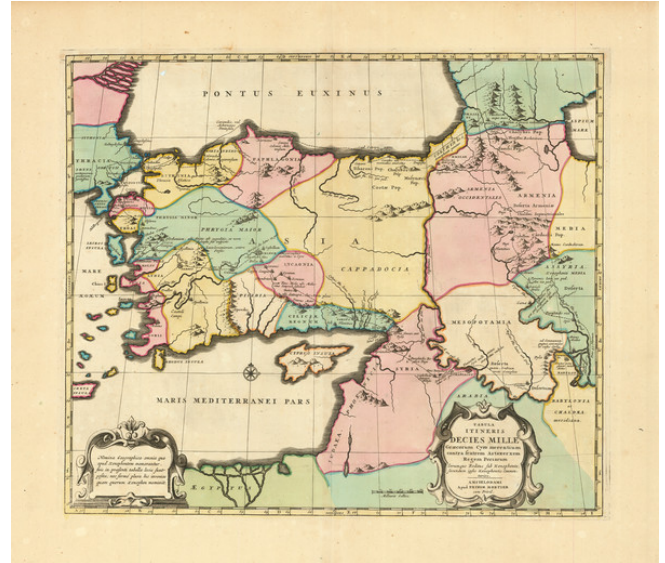
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(Ancient Turkey and Middle East) *Tabula Itineris Decies Mille Graecorum Cyromerentium contra fratrem Artaxerxem Regem Persarum* [The Retreat of the Ten Thousand Greeks]

Stock#: 89459
Map Maker: Mortier
Date: 1730
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 18.5 x 16 inches
Price: \$ 345.00



Description:

Finely and beautifully colored example of Mortier's map of the route taken by the ancient Greeks during the famous "Retreat of the Ten Thousand," led by Xenophon.

Xenophon led the Ten Thousand, a force of mainly Greek mercenary units who were hired to capture the Persian Empire by Cyrus the Younger. While their coup was successful militarily, Cyrus the Younger died and the troops were left in Assyria without employment. Following the assassination of Greek senior officers, the military genius Xenophon was elected to lead the troops home, which he helped do through numerous ruses, as recounted in his *Anabasis*.

The map shows Anatolia, the Caucasus region, the Holy Land, Egypt, and other parts of the Middle East. The map includes two cartouches, and of course, traces the route of the Ten Thousand from the Aegean to Babylon and back. This map was published by Pierre Mortier in Amsterdam.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color. Nice, wide margins. Small hole in Black Sea.