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Carte de l'empire de Perse . . . 1771

Stock#: 83611
Map Maker: Bonne
Date: 1771
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 17 x 12.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

This 1771 map of the Persian Empire is a splendid representation of a significant historical era, detailed and rich with geographical and political information of a region that has been central to human civilization for millennia.

Covering vast territories from the Caspian Sea and Persian Gulf to the territories of modern-day Iran, Iraq, Armenia, and Georgia, the map serves as a historical chronicle as well as a geographical guide. The map displays a myriad of cities, rivers, and topographical features with clear inscriptions. Mountain ranges are shown. The vast, water-filled expanses of the Caspian Sea and the Persian Gulf are prominently detailed, providing testament to their strategic and commercial importance. The major regions are noted in larger capital letters.

At the heart of the map lies Iran and Iraq, forming the core of the Persian Empire during the 17th and 18th centuries. Armenia and Georgia, to the north, demonstrate the extensive reach of the empire. The meandering lines of important rivers such as the Tigris and Euphrates are etched across the landscape, their paths demarcating the fertile lands that sustained the empire.

In the 17th and 18th centuries, the Persian Empire, under the Safavid and later the Afsharid and Zand dynasties, underwent significant transformations. The Safavids established Shi'a Islam as the state religion, leading to cultural and religious shifts that deeply influenced the Persian identity. This period was marked by territorial conflicts, power struggles, and shifts in boundaries, a history captured in the confines of this map.



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The 18th century saw the rise and fall of the Afsharid and Zand dynasties. The Afsharids, under Nader Shah, expanded the empire to its greatest territorial extent since the Islamic conquest of Persia, reaching north into the Caucasus region. However, Nader Shah's reign was short and marked by cruelty, leading to his assassination and the subsequent rise of the Zand dynasty. Despite the internal instability, this period marked a cultural and architectural renaissance, the influence of which can still be seen today.

Detailed Condition: