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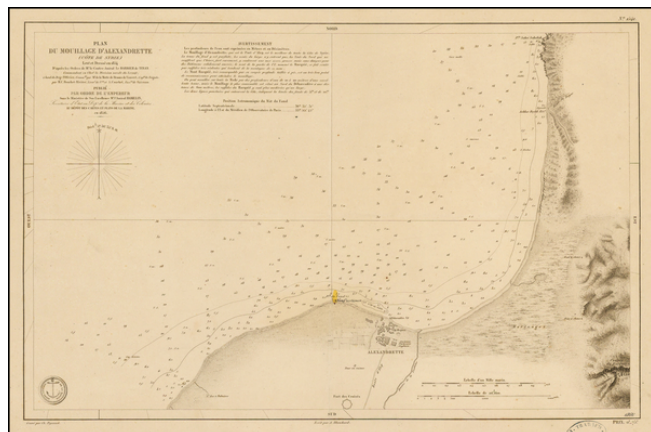
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Plan Du Mouillage D'Alexandrette (Cote de Syrie) Leve et Dresse en 1854 . . . Par Ordre de L'Empereur Sous le Ministere de Son Excellence Mr. L'Amiral Hamelin . . . 1856.

Stock#: 45239
Map Maker: Depot de la Marine
Date: 1856
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 11.5 x 18 inches
Price: \$145.00



Description:

Fine chart of the coastal region of Syria, centered on Alexandrette (now called Iskenderun or Scanderoon), published by the French Hydrographical Department in 1856.

The chart shows soundings, the Iskenderun lighthouse, and topographical features, including the Road to Aleppo and "Fort des Croises".

In the later Ottoman period the city of Iskenderun grew as the main outlet for the overland trade from Baghdad and India, which had great importance until the establishment of the Egyptian overland route. Iskenderun served as a base, first for Genoese and Venetian merchants, then West and North European merchants. The British Levant Company maintained an agency and factory here for 200 years, until 1825, in spite of appalling mortality among its employees. During the 19th century the port grew, the railway was built in 1912, and the road to Aleppo was improved.

Detailed Condition: