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A Map of the Retreat of the ten Thousand Greeks under Xenophon

Stock#: 76394
Map Maker: Osborne
Date: 1736 circa
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 11 x 9 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Curious original antique map showing the route taken by the Greek general Xenophon upon his troops' retreat from Babylon. The map shows Turkey and Asia Minor, naming all the great cities of the region including Bagdad, Babylon, Aleppo, and Constantinople. The Black Sea, Caspian Sea, and the Mediterranean can all be seen.

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*.

This map was based on an earlier Pierre du Val showing work from circa 1660. This work originally appeared in Osborne's *An Universal History, from the Earliest Account of Time*.

Detailed Condition:

Some even toning.