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**(The Destroyer of the Parthenon) Francesco Morosini Peloponessiaco per la Dio gratia
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Stock#: 78804
Map Maker: Coronelli
Date: 1689
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 11 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A portrait of the Doge Francesco Morosini, Doge of Venice at the time of the publication of Coronelli's *Atlante Veneto*, which is where this portrait originally appeared. Francesco Morosini first rose to prominence during the siege of Candia, although he was forced to surrender the city and would be tried for treason. However, during the Morean War, he led Venetian troops to success. In this war, he commanded forces attacking Athens, and described the shot which would destroy the Parthenon as "fortunate." He then proceeded to loot the building when the Acropolis finally fell. He would become Doge in 1688.

Coronelli's *Atlante Veneto* was intended to accompany Blaeu's *Atlas Maior* and contained abundant maps. However, due to the idiosyncratic nature of the publication of the book, the double-printed maritime images are rarer today than his maps are.



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Detailed Condition: