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Carte generale de l'Empire romain [des Sarrasins]

Stock#: 82000
Map Maker: Filloeuil
Date: 1740 circa
Place: n.p. (Paris)
Color: (See Description)
Condition: VG
Size: 24 x 14.5 inches
Price: \$ 295.00



Description:

Scarce historical French map of the Roman Empire, engraved by Pierre Filloeuil apparently in concert with Nicolas Lenglet du Fresnoy, prior to the latter's death in 1755.

The map is rare itself (the BnF has an example for which their cataloging is reasonably sketchy), but this example is particularly interesting, as it was repurposed by an early (probably contemporary or nearly so) owner to show not the Roman Empire but that of Saracens, that is, the largest extent of the Muslim conquest after the death of the Prophet Mohammed.

An engraved notation in the upper-left corner suggests that the map was intended to be in Book I at page 484 no doubt of a historical work by Lenglet du Fresnoy. This example was either never included in such a work or was quickly removed for inclusion in a composite atlas.

Detailed Condition:

Contemporary hand-color in outline. Engraving on laid paper trimmed and mounted to a sheet of contemporary laid paper, with the map image extended with manuscript and the printed title amended by hand to reflect the change in the theme of the map. Some minor dampstain and toning.