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A Map of Greece with part of Anatolia most Humbly inscrib'd to Alexander Urquhart of Newhall Esq. 1720 (with view of Istanbul / Constantinople)

Stock#: 49475
Map Maker: Senex
Date: 1721
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 23.5 x 20 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Decorative map of Greece and part of Turkey, including a decorative view of Constantinople, from John Senex's *General Atlas*.

John Senex's 1720 "Map of Greece with part of Anatolia most Humbly inscrib'd to Alexander Urquhart of Newhall Esq." is a detailed representation of the region extending from Greece and Macedonia to Albania, Bulgaria, and the western part of Asia Minor. It prominently features cities like Constantinople, Scutari, and the Bosphorus Strait, providing a comprehensive view of the land.

The map is marked with symbols that identify a variety of landmarks, from cities and towns to castles and monasteries. The key also pinpoints "places taken from ye Turks", highlighting regions of historical significance. This gives a clear indication of the changeable borders during that period, which was marked by frequent territorial shifts.

One striking feature of the map is the allegorical cartouche, topped by a crescent – the iconic emblem of the Ottoman Empire – and accompanied by two cornucopias, typical symbols of abundance and prosperity.

Greek ruins appear on the right of the cartouche, a simple reminder of the grandeur of ancient Greece. To the left, an Ottoman warrior holds a stock or yoke, towering over a subdued woman, likely representing Europa. This scene symbolizes the Ottoman conquest of Greece and the Balkans over the centuries. The



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allegory continues with the depiction of a teary cherub next to Europa and an ancient Greek king bound at the far side of the cartouche, his crown dislodged and the head of a statue by his feet. These images further underscore the narrative of subjugation and loss.

Detailed Condition:

Minor fold split at lower centerfold, just entering printed image. Expertly repaired on verso.