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### Graeciae Pars Septentrionalis . . . 1708

**Stock#:** 89567  
**Map Maker:** De L'Isle  
**Date:** 1708  
**Place:**  
**Color:** Outline Color  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 25.5 x 18.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 225.00



#### Description:

#### *Northern Greece in Classical Times*

Fascinating map of "The Northern Part of Greece," first issued by the French cartographer Guillaume De L'Isle, delineating the topographic and sociopolitical features of ancient northern Greece.

The map is a finely executed representation of the northern Greek regions, capturing the Hellenic landscapes in vivid detail. The map is drawn predominantly in the old language of Latin, the lingua franca of scholarly communication in Europe during the era of its creation.

The ancient road system, a significant part of the map, is particularly noteworthy. The Greeks, during their time, built an extensive network of roads, which were crucial for the movement of armies, citizens, and goods. The map expertly reconstructs this system, marking the major routes that crisscrossed the regions.

The Via Egnatia, one of the most significant routes of the ancient Greek road system, is a prominent feature of the map. This road was a central artery of the Roman Empire, running from Dyrrachium on the Adriatic Sea across the territories of modern-day Albania, North Macedonia, and Greece to Byzantium (Istanbul) on the Bosphorus Strait. This road allowed Rome to reinforce its eastern frontier rapidly, while also facilitating trade and cultural exchange.

Other minor but equally important routes are shown, such as those leading to various city-states, towns, and villages. These routes demonstrate the interconnectedness of the Greek world and the complexity of its infrastructure. The road system also illustrates the Greeks' ability to navigate their rugged terrain, which is dotted with mountains and interspersed with deep valleys.



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However, the map's depiction of the road system goes beyond just geographical representation. It offers insight into the social and political landscape of ancient Greece, reflecting the importance of transportation in warfare, trade, and cultural exchange. Roads were not merely paths from one place to another; they were conduits of ideas, goods, and people that shaped the evolution of ancient Greece.

**Detailed Condition:**