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Voltaire - Philosophical Letter. Berlin, At The Expense Of The Company, 1774, In Contemporary Bind



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Signature : VOLTAIRE, imprimé à Berlin, en 1774 et en reliure d'époque.

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état.

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#### Description

VOLTAIRE - Philosophical letter. Berlin, At the expense of the Company, 1774; in-8, 151 pp., full contemporary marbled calfskin binding, decorated smooth spine, title label in red morocco, marbled edges. François-Marie Arouet, known as Voltaire, philosopher and man of letters of the 18th century, symbol of the Enlightenment, single-handedly embodied the committed intellectual and the power of public opinion. Educated by the Jesuits, Voltaire stood out in rhetoric and his ability to versify. He took the opposite view of this education very early on and oriented himself towards the society of libertines, shone in the salons, even joking about the relationship between the Regent and his daughter, which earned him 11 months in the Bastille. Very quickly, Voltaire achieved literary success with

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the *Henriade*. Following the Rohan-Chabot affair, he was imprisoned again, but very quickly released on condition that he go into exile. Voltaire then left for England, met Emilie Du Châtelet and was received at the court of Lunéville. Returning then to Paris, he quickly left the city to visit Frederick II in Berlin and then settled in Ferney near Geneva. Few writers were as prolific as Voltaire. Nice copy, but the binding needs to be restored (a split joint and damaged corners).