



2 Rings Loyalty Rings Royal Cause Viscount Hardouineau 18k Gold 1815

12 000 EUR



Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Gold

Description

Two rings of loyalty to the royal cause (Louis XVIII) given to the Viscount of Hardouineau*, in solid 18 carat gold, in the shape of a signet ring with an oval setting chiseled with two crossed swords and the cry "Long live the King anyway!", outline dated 1815, from the Restoration period, early 19th century. The first ring is size 73 (Gross weight: 3.69 gr). The outline is engraved "24 MAY 1815". Ring engraved on the front to the left of the setting "A DIEU MON AME / MON COEUR AUX DAMES" and on the right "MA VIE AU ROI / L'HONNEUR A MOI". In the place corresponding to the bezel, a heart-shaped shield "Le Vte D'Hardouineau M al de Camp" decorated with the initials "LMT / PAF / C." corresponding to the members of the royal family (Louis XVIII,

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Marie-Thérèse, Duchess of Angoulême,
Charles-Philippe, Count of Artois, Antoine, Duke
of Angoulême, Ferdinand Duke of Berry,
Caroline, Duchess of Berry. The second ring is
size 64 (Gross weight: 4.28 gr). The perimeter of
the bezel engraved "YPRES 25 MARS 1815".
Ring engraved on the front to the left of the bezel
"A DIEU MON AME / MON COEUR AUX
DAMES" and on the right "MA VIE AU ROI /
L'HONNEUR A MOI". The inside of the ring
engraved "d'Hardouineau" and a heart decorated
with the initials "LMTPAFC" corresponding to
the members of the family royal (see above).
Trace of a goldsmith's mark ending in a B. *

Antoine-Philippe François Marie, Viscount of
HARDOUINEAU (1788-1865) was received as a
Bodyguard of the King on January 3, 1800, as his
father had been 23 years earlier. Made a Knight
of the Legion of Honor on November 26, 1814,
he was reported to be on campaign in Ghent in
1815. In the Secret and Unpublished Memoirs of
Alphonse de Beauchamp (1767-1832), he
intervenes, being presented as "aide-de-camp to
Louis XVIII", on "the exile and misfortunes of
the princes of the Royal House" (Paris, Paris,
Vernareil and Tenon, 1825). Note that it is very
rare to have two similar rings together, offered to
the same man. In addition, we can reasonably
think that under the kittens (unfortunately sealed)
there is a miniature of Louis XVIII. Please note:
the kittens are sealed, some small shocks and
deformations, scratches and wear of time, look
carefully at the photos. ATTENTION: FOR A
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DELIVERY PRICE. ** Loyalty ring: Faced with
the unexpected return of the Emperor to France in
February 1815, Louis XVIII left Paris for Ghent
(in Belgium. The soldiers of the royal army who
followed him to Belgium received a patent signed
by the hand of the Duke of Berry, stating that
they had been part of this army. These rings were
only made or given out upon seeing the patent.

Specific type rings for the Maison du Roi: As Gabriel Cottreau wrote in 1904 in an article published in the magazine La Sabretache: "The Restoration is the only period in our history where we have seen soldiers wear rings recalling either their services in a corps or their participation in a campaign. This custom originated in the Maison du Roi and spread to the companies of the Maison Rouge: gendarmes, light cavalry and musketeers, as well as in the company of horse grenadiers, mainly at the time when these corps were disbanded." When Louis XVIII's Maison Rouge was disbanded, the officers companies received, as a rallying sign, a gold ring whose bezel bore the distinctive insignia of the company. Dimensions Weight size 73 (Gross weight: 3.69 gr) size 64 (Gross weight: 4.28 gr) Reference: B00 442- B00 443 All photos are on: www.antiques-delaval.com