



Obscurantism - Knight's Degree Of The Dark Order Of The Extinguisher

150 EUR



Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Paper

Length : 43 cm

Width : 29,5 cm

Description

Rare blank diploma from a group of thinkers against obscurantism and Royalty under the Restoration, in political opposition to past regimes. Black-style print. Very beautiful engraved illustrations surrounding the text. Foxing in the margins. The diploma has marks from old folds, a peddling document. Late 18th century / Very early 19th century. Dimensions of the sheet : 29.5 x 43 cm. Perhaps sent neatly rolled. The Order of the Extinguisher : Under the Restoration, the Extinguisher was a highly prized caricature motif in liberal circles. The editors of the newspaper *Le Nain Jaune* (1814-1815) thought of ridiculing men in power and supporters of the clergy by awarding them the Order of the Extinguisher, denouncing the obscurantism and blindness of royalist circles. A copy of the reception of the

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Chevalier de l'Eteignoir is in the collections of the Louvre as well as at the BnF, which is a gift from a certain... Edmond de Rothschild. Here is the text : "Misophane by the grace of the genius of darkness & ... Wanting to reward the good and loyal services of Sieur ... of which we have had reported by our Consistory of the report from which it appears that the said Sieur ... Having knowledge of the respect of my said Sieur ... for the old doctrines, of his zeal for the maintenance of the conservative prejudices of the Empires; taking into consideration this vigorous hatred for all kinds of enlightenment, of which he has given so much proof; this salutary intolerance that he exercises as much as he is in him the center of any idea qualified as liberal, philosophical or constitutional; Wanting to point out in him this deep, thick, immeasurable obscurity, with which he has surrounded himself by so many writings and works. The named Avens and we hereby name him Knight of the Dark Order of the Extinguisher, instituted by our decree dated the 2,734th night of our reign; Understanding that as such he enjoys throughout the extent of our Empire the honors, rights and prerogatives attached to this eminent distinction. We further order that he be received in the first chapter assembly that we please to convene. Given at Chseuropolis on the ... night of our reign. (Signatures Misophanes and Micaldo) »