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Staffordshire Crimean War Plates, Balaklava & Tchernaya, C.1855-56

400 EUR



Signature : Staffordshire

Period : 19th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Porcelain

Description

A pair of Staffordshire transferware plates depicting two major battles of the Crimean War: Balaklava (October 1854) and the Tchernaya River (August 1855). Produced circa 1855-56, these creamware plates feature finely printed black transfer scenes, each titled, and hand-enamelled in bright red, yellow, and green over the glaze -- a decorative technique commonly referred to as clobbering.

These plates belong to a category of patriotic ceramics issued during the war for the domestic British market. They reflect not only public interest in

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current events but also a broader culture of commemoration through utilitarian objects. The Charge of the Light Brigade, linked to Balaklava, became an enduring symbol of military sacrifice, while the battle of the Tchernaya marked one of the final Allied victories. Notably, both engagements claimed the lives of numerous officers from Britain's aristocratic families, further elevating the emotional resonance of such commemorative ware.

Unmarked, as typical for Staffordshire production of the period.

Highly collectible for those interested in British military history, mid-19th century ceramics, and Staffordshire transferware.

Condition:

The "Tchernaya" plate bears a visible hairline from rim toward center. The "Balaklava" plate is in excellent condition. Both retain complete transfer decoration and vivid enamel. Light glaze crazing consistent with age.

Dimensions:

Diameter: 15.2 cm

Height: 2.3 cm

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