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17th Century French School, Besson Family Coat Of Arms (fribourg, Switzerland)



1 200 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Très bon état

Length : 41

Width : 31

Description

Watercolor on paper (41 x 31 cm), mounted under a mat. Shield: silver with an azure band charged with a golden fleur-de-lis, accompanied by two gules lions. Crest: facing helmet, surmounted by a bust of an issuant child. Supporters: two infants supporting the shield. Two collars of orders frame the whole. Motto: Innocence maintains despite envy. The iconography is particularly original: a citadel armed with six cannons and a soldier symbolizes Innocence, while at the bottom, in the ditch, an allegorical figure embodies Envy. These are the arms of Henri Robert de Besson de Rozéfort (1627-1697), knight of the Order of Saint-Michel, exempt from the Hundred Swiss Guard, one of the thirteen privileged Swiss of this prestigious company, and captain in the Mazarin regiment.

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This rare watercolor, of great quality of execution, testifies to the refinement of French heraldic art of the 17th century, mixing allegorical symbolism and affirmation of social rank. (B5469 G273)