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Satirical Caricature Of A "venetian Senator" - The "pera" Motif By Charles Philpon



400 EUR

Signature : A la manière de Charles Philpon

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Paper

Length : 29

Width : 23

Description

A rare and witty satirical ink drawing depicting a dignitary wearing a majestic period wig and a stately ruff. The work bears the handwritten inscription at the top: "Venetian Senator. La Poire." (Venetian Senator. La Pera). This drawing is a cultured and ironic reinterpretation of the famous iconography of "La Pera" (La Poire), conceived by the French caricaturist Charles Philippon in 1831 to mock King Louis-Philippe d'Orléans--La poire de Louis-Philippe. The artist masterfully plays on the character's features, whose cheeks and facial shape unmistakably evoke the profile of the fruit. Using the "Venetian Senator" device, the artist shifts the target of his satire or circumvents the strict censorship of the era by linking Parisian political satire to the historical symbol of

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Venetian oligarchic power. A collector's item of great historical and graphic interest.