Painting By Louis Gallait, Signed 1860: "to Miss Clothilde"



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Signature : Louis GALLAIT (1810-1887)

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Oil painting on wood

Length : 36 cm

Width : 31 cm

Description

Louis Gallait, born on May 10, 1810, in Tournai and died on November 20, 1887, in Schaerbeek, was a renowned Belgian painter and engraver who left his artistic mark on the 19th century. After studying at the Royal Athenaeum of Tournai, he began his career as a clerk for a lawyer, while also taking classes at the Tournai Academy of Drawing under the guidance of Philippe-Auguste Hennequin.In 1832, his painting "The Coin of Caesar" earned him the History Prize in a competition organized by the Society of Fine Arts and Literature of Ghent, marking the beginning of his artistic recognition. Gallait then developed a style of historical painting focused on the authenticity of local color and the dramatic impact of his scenes. His influence attracted many artists to Brussels,

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including Frédérique O'Connell.His European reputation was cemented in 1841 with "The Abdication of Charles V," a work commissioned by the Belgian government that was met with considerable success. This triumph earned him a host of honors, including the Legion of Honor. Declining the noble title of baron offered by King Leopold I, Gallait died in 1887 and was honored with a grand funeral in Tournai, his hometown, which commemorated his legacy with a monument in his honor.