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Charming Period Painting From The Late 19th / Early 20th Century



850 EUR

Signature : Jef Israels.
Period : 19th century
Condition : Très bon état
Material : Oil painting

Description

A charming period painting from the late 19th/early 20th century depicting a genre scene full of finesse and mischief, executed in oil on canvas mounted on panel by the painter Jef Israels. This work depicts an elderly lawyer or public scribe seated at his desk amid stacks of documents, old books, and pewter plates. Wearing a blue nightcap, he is captured in a lively snapshot: the precise moment when he is meticulously sharpening his quill pen over his inkwell. The artist demonstrates a fine mastery of light, which falls on the old man's focused face and highlights the texture of the materials (the weathered wood of the furniture, the leather bindings of the manuscripts). In the background, an umbrella resting on a wicker chair adds a narrative and intimate touch to the atmosphere of

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the study. Technical details: The canvas was originally mounted on a wooden panel, a technique that ensures the support remains perfectly preserved over time by preventing the canvas from sagging. The artist's signature, "Jef Israels," is clearly visible in red at the bottom left of the composition. The work is presented in its superb original gilded wooden frame, which beautifully complements the piece.