Francis I, Wax Seal In Silver-plated And Gilded Bronze, 19th Century



480 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 2 cm

Height : 13 cm

Depth : 2 cm

Description

Frenchwork, circa 1860.Elegantwax seal in silver-plated and gilded bronze depicting Francis I(1494-1547), depicted standing in a solemn pose.Thefigure, wearing a cap adorned with a feather, has abearded face with finely chiseled features. He wears a richcomprising a doublet with puffed sleeves, ashort fur-trimmed coat, and fitted hose. A sword,whose hilt he holds before him, completes his ceremonial attire.The piecestands out for the finesse of its engraving and the contrast betweenthe silver and gold elements, which is particularly noticeable in theembroidery on the costume, the sleeves, the fur, and the accessories.Thefigure rests on an architecturally styled Renaissance-era pedestal,decorated with leafy volutes and gilded oval cartouches. Beneath thebase is a square die

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bearing a monogram engraved inrecess, intended to imprint the owner's initials inwax.Thispiece reflects the historicist taste of the 19th century, markedby a renewed interest in the French Renaissance and itsgreat historical figures. It attests to the care taken in thecraftsmanship of desk accessories and writing implements ofthat era, combining practical function with decorative artistry.Condition: good conditionDimensions: height 13 cm · width 2 cm · depth 2 cm.