



Revolutionary Caricature Eighteenth Century Representing General La Fayette



130 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Jolie aquatinte coupée au cuivre

Width : 100 mm

Height : 130 mm

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Description

Or: "Departure of the Parisian general for the famous night of October 5 to 6: - my friends take me please sleep at Versailles"

Ca.1791-1792.

Zoomorphic caricature mocking the delay of La Fayette, represented here as a centaur, during the days of October 5 and 6, 1789. This episode earned him the nickname of "General Morpheus" attributed by Rivarol.

In the context of the revolution, during the days of October 5 and 6, 1789, a crowd, composed mainly of women, went from Paris to Versailles, to demand bread from Louis XVI as well as the replacement of his bodyguards. majesty by the National Guard, then commanded by La Fayette. In addition, the Constituent Assembly demanded that same day the ratification of the decrees

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relating to the constitution and the declaration of rights. At the end of these days, she ended up asking for the king to come to Paris, but on this point, Louis XVI left the night to reflect, but on October 6, he was awakened by a more vindictive crowd. Now in charge of the security of the castle, La Fayette, arrived too late at Versailles, and was unable to prevent its murderous invasion but nevertheless saved the royal family who were taken to Paris. The Constituent Assembly will be called there a few days later, on October 19.