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From Queen Charlotte, A Rare
Miniature Gold Mounted
George III Almanack

Price

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Item Reference: SA1010768

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 4.3 cm (1.7")

Width = 6.8 cm (2.7")

Depth = 1.5 cm (0.6")

Description

A presents from Queen Charlotte given to Ann Dundas, Viscountess Melville, The Viscountess was Queen Charlotte's Lady of the Bedchamber from 1813 until the Queen's death in 1818. London Royal interest. The rare gold mounted George III Almanack, 1818 is bound in black Morocco leather, with a handwritten note: 'Tho' Cold & Raw the day not so the Heart & good wishes for yr welfare from yr Sincere Friend Charlotte. Windsor the 1st Janry. 1818.' Lady of the Bedchamber is the prestigious title of a lady-in-waiting holding the official position of personal attendant on a British queen regnant or queen consort. A lady of the bedchamber would give instructions to the women of the bedchamber on what their queen wished them to do, or may carry out those duties herself. The Viscountess would have been extremely close to the queen and the position was widely considered an influential royal favourite. The equivalent title and office has historically been used in most European royal courts (Dutch: Dames du Palais; French: Dames or Dame de Palais; German: Hofstaatsdame or Palastdame; Italian: Dame di Corte; Russian: Hofdame or Statsdame; Spanish: Dueña de honour; Swedish: Statsfru).

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