

SA1045406

Early 18th century Italian pietra dura panel in gilt frame, possibly from the Grand Ducal workshops, Florence

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1045406

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 14.5 cm (5.7")

Width = 18.5 cm (7.3")

Depth = 2.5 cm (1.0")

Description

An early 18th century (circa 1720) Italian pietra dura panel in gilt frame, possibly from the Grand Ducal workshops, Florence. This pietra dura panel depicts an Italian landscape, probably Florence in Tuscany, with a castle in the background and two figures in the foreground. The delicate colours and landscape characteristic of 18th century Florentine pietra dura work, the subtle tones of stones chosen producing a wonderful scene. The panel is supported in a decorative gilt frame with moulded edge and ball decoration. To the reverse is a typed label as follows:
 No: II "Given by a German Princess to Dr. Hallifax, physician to George IV. Great Uncle to A.P.H. and brother to Bishop H Sc Pietra Dinva". (One of five pictures from the Halwell Drawing Room). We believe that A.P.H. refers to Captain Albert Praed Hallifax, a Captain in the 3rd Hussars, his Great Uncle being Dr. Hallifax, physician to George IV. Albert Hallifax and his family had lived in Halwell House, South Pool in Devon in the mid-late 19th century along with seven servants including a governess, Albert being the last Lord of the Manor of this hou...
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