

SA1181618

Early 19th Century Military Watercolour – Vale of Cashmere, Islamabad

Price

GBP 550

| USD \$744 | EUR 644

Item Reference: SA1181618

Date of manufacture: 1800

Dimensions

Height = 26 cm (10.2")

Width = 33 cm (13.0")

Description

A beautifully rendered early 19th-century military watercolour depicting the fabled Vale of Cashmere, near Islamabad, painted with the keen observational skill typical of British officers and surveyors working on the Indian subcontinent during this period. The artist captures the vast, sunlit valley with delicate washes of ochre, rose, and soft blue, conveying both the heat and the atmospheric haze of the region. In the foreground, a small hilltop pavilion or lookout post—likely a vantage point used by military cartographers or explorers—anchors the scene, while the sweeping Himalayan foothills rise in the distance. Executed with fine detail yet maintaining a warm, romantic tone, this watercolour reflects the early 19th-century British fascination with the landscapes of Northern India. Works of this type were often produced as travel records or as part of military expeditions, making them highly collectable today. Presented in its vintage gilt frame and early mount, the piece remains a charming document of Empire-era topography and an evocative window into the frontier landscape as it would have been seen over 180 years ago.

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