

**SA1227198**

## Bernard Benedict Hemy Signed Marine Oil Painting – St Mary's Island, 19th Century

Price

**GBP 650**

| USD \$880 | EUR 761

**Item Reference: SA1227198**

**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 73 cm (28.7")

Width = 104 cm (40.9")

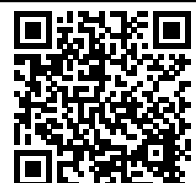
## Description

A substantial signed marine oil painting by Bernard Benedict Hemy (British, 1845–1913), depicting a dramatic coastal scene off St Mary's Island on the Northumberland coast. Entitled *Foundering off St Mary's Island*, and alternatively recorded as *The Shipwreck*, the composition captures the power and uncertainty of Victorian maritime life. A steam-assisted sailing vessel battles through turbulent water while figures in the foreground haul a small boat across the rocky shoreline. Beyond, St Mary's Island is shown before the construction of its famous lighthouse in 1897, giving the painting notable topographical and historical interest. Hemy was closely associated with Newcastle, Cullercoats and the maritime communities of North East England. His paintings are admired for their atmospheric skies, active seas and sensitive depiction of working coastal life. This large-format example is signed "B. B. Hemy" at the lower right and retains expressive impasto, rich seafoam detail and an impressive sense of movement. Presented within a substantial period-style Victorian gilt composition frame, the work has commanding decorative presence and would suit a traditional study, country ...

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