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Horace Hone Enamel Portrait of Mrs Barnard

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Description

Horace Hone regularly painted enamel copies of miniatures but this portrait has been painted from life using bright colours that make the portrait sparkle. Named on the counter-enamel as Mrs Bernard, she wears a sumptuous silk empire-line dress in saffron yellow with a black lace mantilla covering her hair. But it is her exquisite amethyst and pearl jewellery that is most striking. She even has a pinkie ring! Enamel on copper signed on the counter enamel – Mrs Bernard / HHone ARA Pinx / from the Life / 1815 / London. The miniature is housed with convex glass in a gilt metal frame that is engraved reverse 'Mrs Barnard / Died / Sept 28th 1836. Regrettably without a Christian name or even an initial added to the differing spelling of the surname, it has so far proved impossible to trace the sitter's details. There appears to a small area of touch-up to the bottom left of her shawl; there is also a small corner chip to the enamel bottom left (as shown) but this is more or less hidden by the frame. Born in London, Horace Hone (1754-1825) attended the Royal Academy Schools in 1770, having already been taught miniature painting by his father, Nathaniel Hone. He established a ...

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