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After George Stubbs, Eclipse,
Coloured Aquatint

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Item Reference: SA219613

Date of manufacture: 1800

Description

After George Stubbs, Eclipse, Coloured Aquatint, study of a racehorse and groom, published Nov 12th 1839 by J Moore, corner of West Street, Upper St Martins Lane, London. Engraved by Charles Hunt. Eclipse was born on Fools day 1764 during a solar eclipse, He was probably born at the Cranborne Lodge Stud which was owned by his breeder, Prince William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland whose main claim to fame was the putting down of the Jacobite rebellion at the Battle of Culloden. He was sired by Markse and his Dam was Spilletta (the horse not the Duke!) Eclipse was sold to a sheep dealer called William Wildman in 1765, Wildman introduced Eclipse to the racing world in May 1769 at Epsom, his jockey that day was John Oakley but more interestingly was one Captain Denis O'Kelly who is said to have shouted the famous phrase "Eclipse first the rest nowhere" nowhere being that no horse could get within 240 yards of Eclipse. The horse duly done the business and won easily O'Kelly paid Wildman 650 Guineas for a half share of Eclipse. Captain O'Kelly was married to a brothel owner called Charlotte Hayes and like the ladies of the brothel Eclipse just kept on giving, winning any race he entered...

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