

SA736093

Staffordshire Figure of David Garrick as Richard III

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA736093****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 24 cm (9.4")

Width = 17 cm (6.7")

Description

Staffordshire Pottery: David Garrick (1717-1779) as Richard III in William Shakespeare's 'Richard III'. Full-length Staffordshire figure of David Garrick as Richard III, sitting on a couch in a tent. Provenance: The Reverend Harry Bloomfield Collection. Condition: A good example. No cracks or chips. Typical crazing. The Paint is still very fresh and the gilt has not faded. Victorian Staffordshire pottery is a very important part of our English national heritage, because it records the interests of the nineteenth century working man. In the middle of the nineteenth century there were many small pot banks producing hundreds of different models. These included such themes as Royalty, the Theatre, Military exploits, Politics and Crime. The inspiration for these figures came from the drawings in the Illustrated London News, from music covers, theatrical posters and everyday events. It is still possible to trace the source of many of the figures. The models are important because they capture the interests of the poorer Victorians. They were intended to be commemorative pieces and were often sold on trays in the street, and then displayed on mantelpieces in humbler homes....

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