

SA991804

Set of Four Regency Apple Green Papier-mâché Trays by Jennens & Bettridge

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA991804****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 60 cm (23.6")

Width = 80 cm (31.5")

Depth = 3.5 cm (1.4")

Description

A rare and remarkable graduated set of four late Regency apple green papier-mâché trays, circa 1830, each tray stamped 'Jennens & Bettridge, London'. Dimensions: the largest tray 60cm high, 80cm wide and 3.5cm deep, the smallest tray 29cm high, 39cm wide and 2cm deep. Provenance: Supplied circa 1830 to an important anonymous English country house, Norfolk, UK. Thence by descent, until 2023. Jennens and Bettridge were renowned for producing quality papier-mâché wares, circa 1815-1864. They were a partnership between Theodore Hyla Jennens, John Bettridge Snr., Aaron Jennens and John Bettridge Jnr.; and later only A. Jennens and J. Bettridge Jnr. They acquired the workshops of Henry Clay, Japanner to George III and the Prince of Wales in 1816. In 1825 they were described in the directories as 'Japanners in Ordinary to His Majesty (George IV)' and afterwards became 'Makers to the Queen'. They were originally a Birmingham firm, opening a London branch at 3 West Halkin Street, Belgrave Square in 1837, followed by offices in Paris and New York. The firm employed highly skilled artists and designers, and spared no expense in the production of their goods to make them as near p...

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