

Value of the Assignats and other Paper Currency (Valeur des Assignats et Autres Papiers Monnoies)

Date

circa 1804

Primary Maker

J. Benizy

Medium

Etching in black and reddish brown inks overworked with contemporary watercolor on laid paper

Description

Tromp-l'oeil. At the center of the composition is a copy of a Callot etching of a beggar, a satirical reference to the fate of people who held assignats.

Dimensions

Image: 21 $3/4 \times 18$ 1/8 in. (55.2 × 46 cm) Plate: 22 $5/8 \times 18$ 3/4 in. (57.5 × 47.6 cm) Sheet: 27 $1/2 \times 21$ in. (69.9 × 53.3 cm)