

Lot 278



Auction	Decorative Art
Date	18.05.2022, ca. 17:27
Preview	13.05.2022 - 10:00:00 bis 16.05.2022 - 18:00:00

SMALL SILVER TANKARD WITH DEDICATION TSAR ALEXANDER II TO THOMAS H. SEYMOUR.

Tegelsten, Carl Johann. St. Petersburg.

Date: 1851.

Technique: Partially gilt silver with gilt interior.

Description: Dedication on front reserve: "Alexander II to Thos. Seymour". Along the rim engraving "From Thos. Seymour Ex. Gov. to Chas. Carter".

Weight: Ca. 365g.

Measurement: Height 15,5cm.

Mark: Inspection mark St. Petersburg 1818-64 (Goldberg no.1179), 84, inspection-master with 1851 (ibid. no.1206), maker's mark Carl Johann Tegelsten (after 1833, ibid. no.1429).

The American politician Thomas H. Seymour (1807-1868) was governor of the state of Connecticut from 1850 to 1853 and became envoy to Russia from 1853 onwards. There he spent four years intensifying the alliance with Tsar Nicholas I (1825-1855) and his son Alexander II (1855-1881). It was in this context that he must have received the lidded tankard presented here as a gift. Judging by the second inscription, he gave it to a Charles Carter at an unknown date.

Estimate: 1.100 € - 1.400 €