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BRONZE MONUMENTAL PENDULUM CLOCK WITH BUST OF HENRY IV AND VICTORIA.

Lagrange, Louis. Paris

Date: 1st half of the 19th c.

Technique: Bronze, with matte and polished gilding and partially with black patina.

Description: Rectangular, two-tiered stand on four paw feet. The front decorated with relief appliques.

On the postament-shaped case a bust of Henry IV of France with the inscription "Il fut de ses sujets le vainqueur et le père", a verse from Voltaire's "Henriade". To the right of the case, a winged Victoria holding a victor's wreath over the bust. Enamel dial with Roman numerals. Large 14-day pendulum movement with thread suspension and half-hour strike on bell.

Measurement: 25x61x82cm.

Mark: On dial inscr. "Lagrange à Paris" (Louis Lagrange, Paris, Rue St-Martin, 1812).

Literature:

- Ottomeyer, Hans and Pröschel, Peter: Vergoldete Bronzen, Munich 1986. For a similar type compare p.346, fig.5.5.15.

- Tardy: For the master see p.342.

After Voltaire's publication of "La Henriade", a poem written in 1728 in honour of Henry IV, there was a revival of interest in the first Bourbon ruler. One of the most popular kings, who, after peace had been restored, had given the people back their former prosperity.

Estimate: 10.000 € - 12.000 €; Hammer: 9.500 €

