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Rembrandt Harmensz. van Rijn

Lot 317

2 Sheets: A Peasant Calling out: 'Tis Vinnich Kout' – A Peasant Replying 'Dats Niet'



Low estimate :	€ 15,000
High estimate :	€ 20,000
VAT on hammer price :	7 %
Buyers premium incl. VAT :	27 %
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Artist

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Etching on laid paper, watermark fragment Basel Crosier (Hinterding B.a.a.) (1). (1634) (2). 11.4 x 4.4 cm and 11.4 x 4 cm (sheet).

Further information

Bartsch 177 and 178; White/Boon 177 and 178; Hinterding/Rutgers (The New Hollstein) 131 and 132 (only state).

Provenance

Heneage Finch, 5th Earl of Aylesford (1786-1859), London and Packington Hall, Warwickshire, verso with the collector's stamp (Lugt 58) (2); Dr. August Sträter (1810-1897), Aix-la-Chapelle, verso with the collector's stamp (Lugt 787) (2); Siegfried Barden (1854-1917), Hamburg, verso with the collector's stamps (Lugt 2756 and 218) (2); Sotheby's, London, 27 September 2011, lot 38.

Very fine, sharp impressions of the only states. These two narrow, interrelated etchings revisit the theme and style of Rembrandt's beggar studies from around 1630, but with a freer, more confident hand. Inspired by two small engravings by Hans Sebald Beham from 1542 (Bartsch 188, 189) – where a similar dialogue unfolds between two peasants – Rembrandt transposes the encounter to a sparsely suggested frozen Dutch landscape. The figures, ragged and wandering, are interpreted as contemporary embodiments of Heraclitus and Democritus – the philosophers of sorrow and laughter. Thread margins. – Light foxing. Thinned along the edges, with a few small tears in the margins, professionally closed with transparent paper. Otherwise in good condition.