



Hans Holbein the Younger

Der Kaiser (The Emperor), c. 1524/1525

Monochrome woodcut on paper, 65 x 47 mm

on verso, upper right, inscribed in pencil: "243", centre: "Holbein", "P7[J?]", "Ep. d'Essai", "RRR", "Impression de Dôle [?] 1530", "3", lower centre: "P7", "[...]13"

Provenance:

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By latest 2012: Cornelius Gurlitt, Munich/Salzburg

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Note:

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