

From auction catalogue for estate of Baroness Burdett-Coutts

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Item

283 Inglis (Esther, afterwards Mrs Kello) Quatrains du Sieur De Pybrac, Escrit en diuerses sortes de letters, par Esther Anglois Francoise, MS. on paper, 125 ll. (1 [1/1 i/6 in, by s 3/8 in. oblong), beautifully written on one side of the paper only, within ruled lines, exhibiting various examples of calligraphy, title within an ornamental border, contemporary brown calf gilt, tooled with scrolls and small floral ornaments, g. gauffred e.

a [accent] Lislebourg [i.e. Edinburgh], le X de Decembre, 1599

\*\*\* The work of this celebrated calligrapher (1571-1624), who is said to have been nurse to Prince Henry, son of James I, is extremely rare.

Illuminated manuscripts, some purchased by Baroness, some from library

Petrarch in Italian 1501, 1553

Note on first folio and provenance of her library: "This copy was acquired by Ralph Sheldon of Weston Manor House, Long Compton, Warwickshire, about 1650. At the sale of the Sheldon library at Long Compton in 1781, it was purchased by Mr King....came into possession of John Horne Tooke, and was by him given, with his library to Sir Brancis Burdett, in whose hands it remaind until his death in 1844, when it passed to his only son Sir Robert, who died intestate in 1880. Sir Robert's property was divided between his surviving sisters, this Folio coming t the Baroness Burdett Courtts [weird cancelled leaf from R and J should be in Troillus and Cressida]