



**Miniature on ivory signed F. Bernard**

Large oval miniature on ivory featuring a half-length portrait of a young man set on a monochrome gray background. The young man is wearing a navy blue jacket with animal-motif buttons, a white shirt and a large bow tie. The background features a grey and black family crest topped with a crown. The miniature is set in a wood frame and protected by a domed glass. This portrait, dated in 1845, is of Charles Alfred Marquis de Boisthierry (1824-1890). He was the Prefect of several localities and, as a result, his family owned the Renault Chateau near Tours in France. This portrait was a birthday gift from his wife, Hélène, Mary Butler Fellowes (1822-1877). She was the daughter of the famous Captain William Dorset Fellowes, whose portrait on ivory is currently conserved in the Royal Greenwich Museum. The miniature is signed F. Bernard who was active around 1824-1850. He was an accomplished artist, with a style similar to Madame de Mirbel.

Era: 19th century, Restauration period.

Materials: ivory.

Dim (frame): H: 6.9 in (17.5 cm) / W: 6.1 in (15.5 cm).

Dim (miniature): H: 4 in (10 cm) / W: 3.1 in (8 cm).