



## *Letter of Authenticity*

**DESCRIPTION:** **Napoleon Bonaparte** exceedingly rare and important museum quality military letter signed at conclusion, “**Nap**,” one page, 7 x 9”, January 18, 1813. War dated letter to Clarke, Duke de Feltre, Minister of War, referencing troop movement during the invasion of Russia. Letters of this significance rarely are seen in public hands. Framed between two fine art canvas giclées; “*Napoleon Crossing the Alps by Jacques-Louis David, 1805*” on the right and “*Napoleon I on his Imperial Throne by Jean Auguste Dominique Ingres, 1806*” on the left.

**HISTORY:** Although Napoleon had pushed the Russians past Moscow, and entered the city under the assumption Alexander would surrender, the Russians instead burned the city. As concerns about his control over France arose, the French left the city after a month of occupation, and they were decimated during the retreat in the harsh Russian winter.

The signature(s) is/are consistent considering slant, flow, letter size, pen pressure, and other characteristics that are typical of the known exemplars that we have examined in our professional careers.

This display has been archivally designed and preserved using 100% acid-free materials, archival Mylar, and 97% UV TruVu Museum plexi-glass. **NOTE:** It is recommended that this display as well as all artwork be kept out of direct sunlight. **3<sup>rd</sup> Party Forensically Examined and Certified Authentic.** The signature below guarantees this authenticity.

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Before me, the undersigned notary public, this day personally appeared Michael I. Rypel, to me known who being duly sworn according to law, claimed this to be a true document.

Sworn and subscribed to before me on May 28, 2015

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**NAPOLEON BONAPARTE**  
Emperor of the French on September 1, 1804  
13 August 1769 - 5 May 1821

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