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Russian Military Print #718, Reign of Nicholas I (1825- 1855).

Hand colored lithograph (printed in Paris in 1861-62) illustrating a Russian drummer in full dress parade uniform from the Life Guard Dragoon Regiment in 1843-1844 (#718 in a series). Large format: 12 1/2" by 17" [32 X 43cm], image size: 7 1/8" by 9 ¾" [18 X 25cm]. Produced in France soon after the Crimean War, this beautifully executed lithograph was printed by the famous Parisian firm of (Joseph) Lemercier and subsequently meticulously hand colored, most likely by artists living in Russia who were able to work from color uniform references and cloth samples not readily available in France.

Although about one hundred and fifty years old, the paper it is printed on shows no signs of brittleness and the colors are 'fresh as new.' Most if not all of whatever minor foxing is present would be covered by a mat when finally framed for display in a living room or a study. The same would hold true for any other very minor edge crumpling in the outside of the border area. Please note the photographs.

Besides the fact that this is a significant historic document in and of itself, it represents a rare and uniquely affordable opportunity for the collector of items related to the Russian Empire to own and display original nineteenth century artwork in his or her home.

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