JOHN MITCHELL

FINE PAINTINGS



Jean Pillement (Lyon 1728 - 1808)

A Mediterranean Seascape with Fishermen drying their Nets

oil on metal, 31 x 43 cm.

signed and dated 1783

with carved and gilded period French frame

Pillement was a prolific and versatile artist who worked throughout Europe in a long career of ceaseless activity and travel. He worked in most media with a huge and variable output and it is important to distinguish between his two roles, that of designer and decorator, filling pages with chinoiserie scenes, imaginary flowers and occupations for the four seasons, and his status as an important French Rococo painter of coastal and Italianate landscapes.