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LITERATURE

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SPECIALITY WAS EXQUISITE PICTURES OF COUNTRY HOUSES, TOWNSCAPES AND

LANDSCAPES. HIS EXQUISITE ROUNDELS EXECUTED IN GOUACHE, SILVER AND GOLD ON A PEWTER, CARD OR TORTOISESHELL GROUND, WERE MUCH ADMIRED AND SOUGHT AFTER BY THE RICH COGNOSCENTI OF THE DAY.

HE WAS LISTED IN VARIOUS CONTEMPORARY GAZETTES PUBLISHED BETWEEN 1766 AND 1773 WHICH DESCRIBED HIS WARES AS 'TRÈS BEAU' COMPLIMENTING ON THEIR PRECIOUS METALLIC AND POLYCHROME DECORATION AND HIS SUCCESS WAS FURTHER RE-ENFORCED IN 1773 WHEN COMPIGNÉ PRESENTED LOUIS XV WITH VIEWS OF HIS FAVOURITE HUNTING LODGE, SAINT-HUBERT WHICH HE SUBSEQUENTLY REPRODUCED IN AN EDITION SERIES FOR HIS PATRONS. HE WAS ALSO 'PEINTRE' AND 'TABLETIER' WORKING UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF LOUIS XV.