

Knight, Richard Payne

(1750-1824)



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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. P. Knight". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, rectangular piece of paper.

Biographical and Other Notes

Art collector, politician and writer. BM trustee in 1814. Coins and other antiquities displayed in purpose-built gallery at his residence at 3 Soho Square. Coins mostly acquired from the sale of Matthew Duane's collection in 1785.

Bequeathed 5205 coins to the BM on 17th June 1824, then valued at £30,000-£60,000.

Sources and References

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