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**Early 19th century French gold and enamelled Royal presentation box by Victoire Boizot, Paris
1808-1819,**

the cover with dark blue enamel monogram of CP below a coronet for Charles Philippe, Comte d'Artois, enamelled fleur-de-lys spandrels, on a matt textured ground, the rim with dark blue enamelled band, similar border to the base and upper rim of the sides, these with lozenge pattern engine turned panels, the interior inscribed 'Donnee par le Roi ♦ M. Queignard de Valdene, le 16 Fevrier 1826', stamped 328 to the flange.

Charles X (Charles Philippe, 1757-1836) ruled first as the Comte d'Artois, then as King of France and Navarre from 16 September 1824 until 2 August 1830. A younger brother to Kings Louis XVI and Louis XVIII, he supported the latter in exile and eventually succeeded him. His rule of almost six years ended in the July Revolution of 1830, his attempts to keep the crown in the senior branch of the House of Bourbon failed and he was succeeded by Louis Philippe, Duke of Orleans as King of the French. Once again exiled, Charles died in Gorizia, then part of the Austrian Empire.

Victoire Boizot was the widow of the renowned goldsmith Etienne Blerzy. She entered her mark in 1808 and it was destroyed in 1813, dating the current lot quite precisely to 1808-13, while Charles Philippe was still Comte d'Artois. From the inscription we can see that the box was only gifted during his reign as King.

Length 9cms / 3 1/4"

Width 6.1cms / 2 3/8"

Depth 2cms / 3/4"

Weight: 173g