

PETA SMYTH ANTIQUE TEXTILES

Fine 18th Century Lille Tapestry Cushion

REF: 1373

Height: 49 cm (19.3") Width: 33 cm (13")

£850



£850

From the border of a Teniers tapestry woven in the Lille workshops of Guillaume Werniers. Lille became a major centre of French tapestry production after having been conquered by Louis XIV in 1667, with many of its workshops run by Flemish emigrés.

In 1688, the weaver Jean de Melter established a workshop in Lille, and was succeeded by his son-in-law Guillaume Werniers in 1701. After Wernier's own death in 1738, his widow Katharine Ghuys Werniers, known as the Widow Guillaume Werniers, managed the workshop for another forty years. Fine Teniers tapestries were a staple of the production of this workshop in the first half of the 18th century.