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George Mounsey Wheatley Atkinson (1806-1884)

H.C.S. WARREN HASTINGS OFF ASCENSION ISLAND

oil on canvas

signed and indistinctly dated lower right; with inscribed gallery label on reverse; also with Parker Gallery [London] label on reverse

18 by 26in. (46 by 66cm)

Provenance:

Private Collection, France;

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There were five Honourable East India Company Service ships named *Warren Hastings*. John Pascal Larkins, along with other family members, were part owners of all five ships named *Warren Hastings* from 1781 to 1833. To confuse matters, *Warren Hastings* number two, [There was a major incident with number three, which was captured by the French.], was on the high seas at the same time as number five. Number two was built in 1808 was 154ft and weighed 1000 tons. She was on the seas at least until 1833 and one of her captains was Thomas Larkins.

From extracts of the journal and ship's log of the *Warren Hastings* (East India Docks, London, England) written by the Captain, Commander R. Rawes - Voyage to the Far East [1825-1826] - that the vessel passed the Island of Ascension at 3.39pm on Friday 12 May.

For further reading on its voyages see:

ed., Farrington, Anthony, *Catalogue of East India Company Ships' Journals and Logs 1600-1834*, British Library, Euston, London, 1999

The Crawford Gallery, Cork holds an example by Atkinson in their collection entitled *A Boating Party in Cork Harbour, 1840*, purchased from Mills Antiques Paul St., Cork, 1986.

€5,000-€7,000 (£4,130-£5,790 approx.)