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Form: Circular

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Date: 1826

Ref: Laidlaw: 1401;

Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
50 mm	Bronze	45 gm	\$500

Edge: Plain.

Obverse: Head of King Charles X (left). Legend: "CHARLES X ROI DE FRANCE ET DE NAV." Signed: "DEPAULIS. F." under the truncation and "DE PUYMAURIN. D." round the rim at the foot.

Reverse: Acress: "S.A.R. / MGR. LE DAUPHIN, / AMIRAL DE FRANCE / (line) / MR. LE CTE. CHABROL DE CROUZOL, / PAIR DE FRANCE, / MINISTRE DE LA MARINE / MR. DUMONT D'URVILLE, / CAPITAINE DE FRÉGATE, /COMT. L'EXPÉDITION DE (line) / 1826". Legend: "VOYAGE DE DÉCOUVERTES DE LA CORVETTE L'ASTROLABE".

Notes: The Astrolabe (previously the Coquille) was a corvette of the French Navy named after an early navigational instrument the astrolabe, a precursor to the sextant. Under the command of Jules Sébastien César Dumont d'Urville (1790-1842) the ship departed Toulon on 22 April 1826 on a voyage of discovery, via the Cape of Good Hope, of the South Pacific. The Astrolabe returned to Marseille on 25 March 1829.

Alexis Joseph Depaulis (1792-1867) was a French sculptor and medallist.

Jean Pierre Casimir de Marcassus, Baron de Puymaurin (1757-1841) was the Director of the Paris Mint.