Soup plate - With the view of the Amphitheatrum Flavium in Rome (Part of Alexandra Pavlovna's table set)

Ceramics and Glass Collection

Accession Nr.:	54.6.4
Manufacturer:	Imperial Porcelain Factory (Saint Petersburg)
Place of production:	Saint Petersburg
Inscription:	alján máz alatt kobalttal festve: cirill E
Materials:	porcelain
Techniques:	cast; gilded; painted in polychrome overglaze
Dimensions:	diameter: 23,6 cm height: 5,2 cm

The narrow, rising, wavy rim is decorated with pink roses of green leaves, against a gilt base. The surface shows a round field, enframed by gilt spots, showing a Roman building, with French inscription: *Une ruine de l'Amphiteatre Flavien.*

The five plates were produced in 1795 in the Saint Petersburg factory they show etchings of Giovanni Battista Piranesi, made in 1756, against a golden base, enriched with polychrome flower bunches. The next period of the factory, beginning with 1796, left off the gold base, thus breaking with this complicated manner of decoration. Marked in blue underglaze with the factory mark on the bottom.

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