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SET OF THREE EARLY 19TH CENTURY PRINTS OF PRIMATES.

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Set of three framed prints based on the work of French zoologist, Pierre André Latreille.

DIMENSIONS: 28cm (11") High, 23cm (9") Wide, 2cm (0³/₄") Deep

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HISTORY

In November 1793 during the French Revolution, Pierre André Latreille was imprisoned under threat of execution. When the prison's doctor inspected the prisoners, he found Latreille scrutinising a beetle on the dungeon floor. Latreille impressed the doctor by explaining that it was a rare insect having identified it as *Necrobia ruficollis*. The physician sent the insect to a 15-year-old local naturalist, Jean Baptiste Bory de Saint-Vincent. who knew Latreille's work, and managed to obtain his release. Latreille and Bory de Saint-Vincent remained life-long friends.