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18th Century Portrait of Sir John Comyns, Chief Baron of the Exchequer (1667-1740)

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1020527****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 22 cm (8.7")

Width = 18 cm (7.1")

Description

A small oil on canvas, un signed, in glazed gilt frame. 22cm x18cm including its frame. Sir John Comyns was made sergeant-at-law in 1705, and knighted in 1726. A Line engraving on paper by George Vertue, after unknown artist, title: "Sir John Comyns, Chief Baron of the Exchequer" created in 1744, is in Scottish National Portrait Gallery Print Room. The portrait galleries line engraving (image included) shows striking similarities to the oil painting we are selling. Notes: A successful lawyer, who wrote two important legal treatises, one of which was hailed as being 'exceedingly clear and perspicuous, and at the same time, remarkably concise and exact'. He rebuilt Hylands, on a Greek temple design, and remodeled Guy Harlings in Chelmsford, in white brick. He also bought the manor at Writtle, and owned land in Kent Judge Sir John Comyns, barrister, Lincoln's Inn, 1690; M.P. for Maldon, 1701-26; Sergeant-at-law, 1705; Baron of the Exchequer, 1726; Justice of the Common Pleas, 1736; Chief Baron of the Exchequer, 1738; author of the Reports of cases 1744 and "A Digest of the Laws of England" 1762. John was the grandson of a Dagenham tanner who prospered. The tanner's timber ...

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