

SA1024664

18th century portrait oil painting of William Craven by Thomas Beach (11738-1806)

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1024664****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 127 cm (50.0")

Width = 100 cm (39.4")

Description

Portrait of William Craven, 6th Baron Craven of Hamstead Marshall, Berkshire (1738-1791), three-quarter length, standing in an interior, wearing a blue silk embroidered waistcoat under a pale green jacket with silver buttons, resting his right hand on a cane and his left in his pocket, wearing a powdered wig. Provenance: The collection of Anthony Boyden, Dewlish, Dorset. During conservation and restoration of the portrait, the revealing of various pentimenti in the sitter's clothing and posture, suggest that it may have been the basis for a more complex full-length version painted by Beach in 1778 of William holding the architectural plans in his study of Benham Park, the country seat of the Cravens in Berkshire. This was listed in the paintings inventory of Coombe Abbey, the primary seat of the Earls of Craven in Warwickshire in 1866 and sold at Sotheby's Paris in the Robert de Balkany sale, 28 September 2016, lot no. 235, for 65,000 euros. The cleaning of the portrait involved the removal of the dark overpainted background (probably added in the 19th century to appeal to the Victorian taste of the owner), which revealed William to be standing against a russet colo...

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