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Portrait of Sir Walter Stirling
1st Baronet, Signed & Dated
1800; By William Philip James
Lodder (Loder) (active
1783-1805)

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1030869

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 66 cm (26.0")

Width = 56 cm (22.0")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

On a hillside and under a moody sky, this exquisite portrait depicts a dashing young officer proudly wearing an elaborate scarlet coat and white breeches, one hand holding a plumed hat, and the other a rapier. The uniform and accoutrements displayed here are of an officer serving in the Somerset Place Volunteers, 1800. The unit was part of the numerous London Volunteer regiments and companies raised during the French Revolutionary War. It was disbanded in 1801. Somerset Place, no longer in existence, was previously a row of 23 houses on the north side of the present Euston Road situated between the British Library and Euston Station. The gentleman is Major Commandant Sir Walter Stirling, 1st Baronet of Faskine, a rank that he achieved in 1798. He was later Lieut-Col. of the Prince of Wales's Loyal Middlesex Volunteers in 1803-08 and a member of the London and Westminster Light Horse in 1803-07. He descended from an ancient Scottish family, four branches of which have at various times been elevated to the title of Baronet. He was born June 24, 1758, the elder son of Sir Walter Stirling, Knt Capt R.N. by Dorothy, daughter of Charles Willing, of Philadelphia. Hi...

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