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**William Levinz c1690; Circle of
Sir Godfrey Kneller.**

Price

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Item Reference: SA1032071

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 84 cm (33.1")

Width = 74 cm (29.1")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

Oil on canvas in the fine carved and giltwood original frame. VERSO old labels and a wax Collection seal. WILLIAM LEVINZ (c. 1671–1747) of Grove Hall and Bilby, Nottinghamshire was a British lawyer and Tory politician who sat in the English and British House of Commons between 1702 and 1734. He fought a duel with an opposing Whig agent. Levinz was the eldest son of Sir Creswell Levinz of Evenley, Northamptonshire, a prominent lawyer, and his wife Elizabeth Livesay, daughter of William Livesay of Lancashire. His uncle William Levinz was professor of Greek at Oxford, and another uncle Baptist Levinz was Bishop of Sodor and Man. He was admitted at Gray's Inn in 1681 and matriculated at St John's College, Oxford, where his uncle William Levinz was president, on 26 August 1688, aged 17. In 1689, he transferred to Inner Temple and in 1693 he was called to the bar. He married Ann Buck, daughter of Samuel Buck of Gray's Inn on 4 June 1693. He succeeded his father in 1701 to his estates, one of which carried with it an electoral interest at Retford. Levinz became one of the leaders of the Tories in Nottinghamshire. He stood as a Tory for East Retford at the second general electi...

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