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John Hayls (Attributed) Portrait Of The Honourable Edward Russell - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1085823****Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 149 cm (58.7")

Width = 150 cm (59.1")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

This large mid-17th-century three-quarter length portrait attributed to English artist John Hayls (c.1600-1679) depicts the honourable Edward Russell (1625-1665). Hayls was a prominent English portraitist, draughtsman, and miniaturist working during the tumult of the British Baroque period. He lived through two civil wars, Oliver Cromwell's joyless Protectorate, and Charles II's Restoration. A direct competitor of court-favourite Sir Peter Lely (1618-1680), he offered a pared-down alternative to the Dutchman's grandiosity. Scant details exist relating to his youth, but according to the antiquary, Richard Symonds (1617-1660), he probably trained under the portraitist Michiel van Mierevelt (1566-1641) at The Hague. Symonds documented how Hayls had mastered a technique of preparing vermillion following Mierevelt's advice. Very few examples of his early works are recorded but it's possible that he was initially taken under the wing of a more established painter - in much the same way that Mary Beale (1633-1699), one of his contemporaries, is known to have assisted Lely. He was highly regarded for his convincing copies after Sir Anthony van Dyck (1599-1641) so it's not beyon...

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