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Late 16th-Century Dutch School, Portrait Of Gaspard De Coligny, Admiral of France - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1095720****Date of manufacture: 16th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 70 cm (27.6")

Width = 63 cm (24.8")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

This late 16th-century Dutch School oil on canvas depicts Gaspard de Coligny, Seigneur de Châtillon, Admiral of France (1519-1572), wearing a black doublet, white ruff, and black fur-lined cloak. Born to a noble family in Châtillon-sur-Loing, France, Gaspard de Coligny was a distinguished nobleman who became a revered Huguenot leader during the French Wars of Religion. Coligny was an exceptional military leader and awarded the rank of Admiral in 1552. Upon his brother's advice, he became a Huguenot and placed himself as a key figure in the political arena. At a time of great tumult, he demanded greater religious tolerance from the government via diplomatic means, in an attempt to avoid war. Yet despite this, the country fell into a bitter series of conflicts, leading to more than two million fatalities through famine, disease or violence. Following the death of the prince of Condé during battle, Coligny negotiated a truce and returned to the French court as a key aide of King Charles IX. But, feeling threatened by his growing influence, Catherine de' Medici, the Queen Mother, began to plot his demise. In 1572, Coligny was wounded by an assassin hired by Catherine causi...

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