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c.1698 Portrait of Lady Mary Capel, Countess of Essex in Yellow Silk Dress & Red Mantle; Circle of Sir Godfrey Kneller, Oil on canvas painting

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Item Reference: SA1108442

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 95 cm (37.4")

Width = 82 cm (32.3")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

This portrait depicts an elegant, aristocratic women wearing a yellow silk dress with white chemise and a red mantle elegantly draped around her body. By tradition the portrait represents Mary Capel, Countess of Essex. Born Lady Mary Bentinck in 1679, she was the daughter of William Bentinck, 1st Earl of Portland, a Dutch and English nobleman who became in an early stage the favourite of stadtholder William, Prince of Orange (the future King of England) and his wife Anne Villiers (died 1688). Lady Mary's maternal grandparents were Sir Edward Villiers and Lady Frances Howard, daughter of the 2nd Earl of Suffolk and his wife, Lady Elizabeth Home (died 19 August 1633). Through her grandfather, Sir Edward Villiers, she descended from Sir Oliver St. John and Margaret Beauchamp, mother to Lady Margaret Beaufort. Lady Mary's paternal grandparents were Bernard Bentinck, 6th Baron Bentinck, a descendant of an ancient and noble family of Guelders and Overijssel, and his wife Anne van Bloemendale. The Villiers family exploded onto the Royal scene in 1614 when George, later Duke of Buckingham, caught the roving eye of James I and it remained there for more than a hundred years. ...

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