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**SOLD....Portrait of Matthew
Brickdale M.P., 1812, by Henry
Singleton**

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Date of manufacture: 1800

Description

Oil on canvas in good giltwood period frame. An excellent portrait of the Regency period; the sitter, Matthew Brickdale, painted in 1812 at the age of 78, looks out at the viewer with confidence and assurance. Matthew bears his years well, living to the age of 96. His left arm and hand rest upon a leather bound tome, with a bookmark protruding, which seems to inscribed 'First Charters'. Born on 30 April 1734, son of John Brickdale, a successful Bristol draper. He inherited the enormous sum of £100,000 on his father's death in 1765. Retiring from business, Matthew devoted himself to politics. He stood as Member of Parliament for Bristol on two occasions, firstly between 1768 and 1774, and then from 1780 until 1790. He was elected Mayor of Bristol in 1791, but declined the office. Matthew was Deputy Lieutenant for Gloucester, Somerset and Devon; he died on the 8 September 1831. Matthew had married Elizabeth Smith and had a son, John Brickdale (see portrait stock no. 8574). His diaries, now held at the Archives Hub, were written between 1770 and 1774, and deal primarily with domestic, national and international political issues and news, including events and politics of B...

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