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Hyacinthe Rigaud (Circle), Portrait Of A Member Of The Greder Family - Antique Oil Painting

Price

GBP 3,250

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Item Reference: SA1198000**Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 100 cm (39.4")

Width = 79 cm (31.1")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

This fine late 17th-century oil painting by an artist working in the circle of French painter Hyacinthe Rigaud (1659-1743) depicts a distinguished member of the Greder family of Solothurn, one of the most prominent dynasties in the Swiss Confederation during the age of Louis XIV. Attired in a full periwig and long white bands over a black robe, here we see a gentleman associated with civic, legal, or administrative office. It's a sober portrayal, emphasising dignity and introspection. The Greder family - often referred to as 'Greder von Wartenfels' - occupied a position of exceptional influence in Solothurn from the 17th century onward. As members of the ruling patriciate, they served repeatedly as councillors (Grossräte), landvögte (bailiffs), military commanders, and diplomatic intermediaries. Solothurn itself held a unique role geopolitically: as an ambassadorial seat of France to the Swiss Confederation. Many Greder men entered French service, rising to high rank in Swiss regiments under the French crown while simultaneously maintaining civic authority at home. Within this historical framework, the present portrait likely represents a Greder family member active...

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