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**SOLD....Portrait of Elizabeth,
Lady Narborough, later Lady
Shovell, c.1678, by Simon
Pietersz. Verelst**

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Description

Oil on canvas in black and gilt ogee frame. This portrait of Lady Narborough is absolutely typical of Verelst's work. One of five artists of the same family, Simon Pietersz. was best known as a hugely successful flower painter, only occasionally painting portraits. Always using the same stylised technique, his sitters have a rather doll-like quality; perhaps his best known portrait is of the famous actress and courtesan Nell Gwynn, who was a chief patron. ELIZABETH, LADY NARBOROUGH, later Lady Shovell, (1658-1732). Born Elizabeth Hill, daughter of John Hill, Commissioner of the Navy, she married Rear Admiral Sir John Narborough, 1st Baronet RN (c. 1640 – 1688). He was an English naval commander who served with distinction during the Anglo-Dutch Wars and against the Barbary Coast pirates. They had two sons, Sir John Narborough, 2nd Baronet, and James Narborough who both entered naval careers and died, aged 23 and 22, in the sinking of HMS Association in 1707. After her husband's death Elizabeth married, in March 1697, Sir Cloudesley Shovell, who had served under Narborough. They had two daughters. Rear Admiral Shovell was a fine officer, but is now remembered mainly...

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