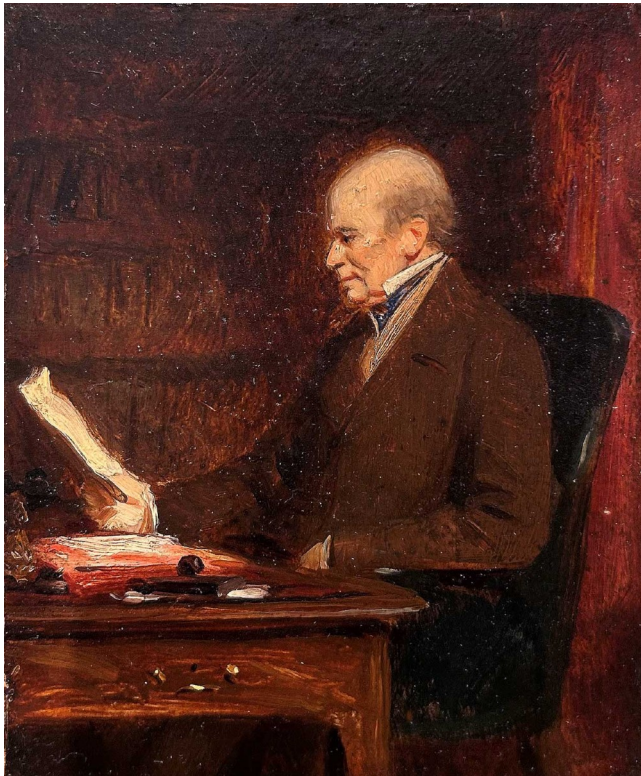


SA1226345

Stephen Pearce Study for Portrait of Francis Russell, 7th Duke of Bedford

Price

GBP 3,000

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Item Reference: SA1226345

Date of manufacture: 1860

Dimensions

Height = 14.1 cm (5.6")

Width = 11.4 cm (4.5")

Description

Oil on board Image size: 5 ½ x 4 ½ inches (11.4 x 14.1 cm) Giltwood frame Exhibited: Royal Academy, 1863 Engraved and published in the same year This charming portrait is a study for a later oil painting of Francis Russell, 7th Duke of Bedford, KG, Grand Visitor of the Bedford County Hospital. The Duke had passed away in 1861, and the board of the Bedford General Infirmary - of which Russell's family had been instrumental in opening - decided to commission a portrait to commemorate him. This little portrait was likely presented as a preliminary representation of what the larger scale image would look like, which was eventually completed in 1862. The completed portrait was exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1863 and was also engraved. Our study carries an air of spontaneity, created by the thicker brushstrokes. It contains the key elements of the later, larger portrait - the sphinx paperweight, the composed posture, the scattering of papers over the desk, the smart brown jacket - but paints them in a looser manner, aimed at becoming more detailed at a later stage. Nonetheless, the detail of Russell's face is notable, with his ears and jowls being identifiable in both our...

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