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17TH CENTURY PORTRAIT OF A MILITARY OFFICER IN A RED COAT - ANGLO DUTCH SCHOOL c. 1655.

Price

GBP 18,000

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Item Reference: SA1227884**Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 132 cm (52.0")

Width = 105 cm (41.3")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

A fine imposing and richly coloured mid 17th century Anglo Dutch school portrait of a military officer, by an artist in the circle of Bartholomeus van Der Helst (1613-1670). The noble sitter is depicted three quarter length against rock work standing in a fashionable and confident hand on hip pose. The most striking element of his costume is a long scarlet coat which is profusely embroidered in gold and silver thread and matching multiple spherical buttons which are aligned down its front. Under this he wears a white shirt with wide starched collar. Red was an expensive dye and a colour that was popular in fashionable clothing for outer wear (cassocks or cloaks) in this period and it was also associated with the military in the Netherlands. In Rembrandt's portrait of Jan Six from 1654 for example, Jan Six wears an elegant scarlet cloak over his shoulder. Whilst in Johannes Vermeer's 'Officer and Laughing Girl' c.1657, (Frick Collection, New York.) The sitter wears a similar garment to our sitter and even has the same hand on hip pose. In contrast to his elegant costume, the sitter wears his own natural hair, which is shoulder length and becomes bushier at the ends. This s...

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