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Mezzotint Portrait of Warren Hastings Governor General of Bengal by Thomas Watson after Sir Joshua Reynolds, 1777

Price

GBP 1,250

| USD \$1,704 | EUR 1,459

Item Reference: SA1231134**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 56 cm (22.0")

Width = 45 cm (17.7")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

A fine three-quarter length mezzotint portrait of Warren Hastings elegantly sitting in a silk damask chair by an ornate table with papers and quill. Held in a quality Hogarth style frame. A very good impression with large margins covered by frame. Lettered with the title 'Warren Hastings Esqr / GOVERNOR GENERAL of BENGAL, &c &c' and 'Painted by Sir Joshua Reynolds'; 'Engraved by Thomas Watson'; 'London, March 20th. 1777' Paper Size: 46 x 36 cm (18 x 14 in) Frame Size: 56 x 45 cm (22 x 18 in) Reynold's original portrait was painted during Hastings's return to in England from India, between June 1765 and March 1769. It is on display in London at National Portrait Gallery. A similar mezzotint is in the collections at the British Museum. Joshua Reynolds's alluring painting portrays Warren Hastings as poised, educated and worldly. The letters on the table, and his Indian waistcoat, are intended to indicate his knowledge of Indian languages and cultures (NPG) Hastings was the first Governor-General of Bengal from 1772 to 1785, covering the provinces of Madras (Chennai) and Bombay (Mumbai). Born in Churchill in Oxfordshire, the son of a country clergyman, he briefly attendi...

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