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SOLD....Pair of Portraits of
Thomas Papillon and Jane
Brodnax c.1650; Attributed to
Robert Walker

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Item Reference: SA133402

Date of manufacture: Before 1700

Description

Pair of oils on canvas in period giltwood frames. Almost certainly painted to celebrate the betrothal of the sitters prior to their marriage in 1651. Of Huguenot stock, THOMAS PAPIILLON (1623-1702) was born at Roehampton House, Putney, on 6 September 1623, son of David Papillon, architect and military engineer, and his second wife Anne Marie Calendrine. He was one of seven children, and educated at Drayton School, Northants. He was articled to Thomas Chambrelan, a London merchant, in 1637, serving his apprenticeship for the Marcer's company until 1646. In February 1648 he was imprisoned in Newgate by order of the House of Commons because of his Royalist sympathies. For the next twenty years he concentrated on his mercantile activities having married Jane Brodnax, member of an ancient Kentish family of minor gentry status, in 1651 in Canterbury Cathedral. In 1666, as he prospered, he bought an estate, Acrise Place in Kent. His rise in the following years was dramatic...Master of the Mercer's company, Deputy Governor of Eastland Co., councilman, alderman, Freeman of Dover, Commissioner for Assessment Kent, Dover and London, Bridgemaster for London, Deputy Lieutenant for L...

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