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**SOLD....Portrait of James Stuart
(?) called The Old Pretender,
1695, by William Sonmans**

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Item Reference: SA139447

Date of manufacture: Before 1700

Description

Oil on canvas in good carved and giltwood period frame. Signed lower right 'Wm. Sonmans.' The sitter has been known as The Old Pretender for at least 100 years. Probably James Francis Stuart, the young boy strikes an arrogant pose, dressed in faux Classical clothing with all the implications of Imperial Rome, his hound is beside him and his hat bears the three ostrich plumes of the Prince of Wales. JAMES FRANCIS STUART (1688-1766). Son of James II and his Catholic second wife Mary of Modena. James Francis' birth in 1688 was controversial as it raised the prospect of succession of a Catholic king. A rumour was started by James' detractors that the baby was a substitute introduced in a warming pan. James II was unpopular and the birth precipitated his fall when William of Orange, who had married Mary James' daughter by his first wife Anne Hyde, was invited to take the throne in the 'Glorious Revolution' of 1688. James abdicated a few months later when his forces faced defeat by William, and he, his wife Mary of Modena and baby son James fled to France. James was raised in France and on the death of his father in 1701 declared himself James III as the rightful heir to the...

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