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SOLD....Portrait of Matilda Marryat 1843; by Richard Buckner.

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Item Reference: SA145416

Date of manufacture: 1800

Description

Oil on board in period gilt frame. Signed and inscribed 'Rome' lower left. This beautiful portrait of the Hon. Matilda Marryat and her pet spaniel was painted in Rome in 1843 and is a fine example of Buckner's work, being not only an image of a lovely young woman but also a charming portrait of her spaniel and the items on the table are a still life. Buckner's great talent is demonstrated by his use of, to use a photographic term, 'soft focus'. Matilda's face is the most 'in focus' part of the painting, the items on the table and the spaniel less so, and the background is merely suggested in an almost abstract way...the wall, column and view from the balcony are depicted with a painterly delight in the use of paint in a very free way. All this causes us to focus on the sitter's face and only then to become aware of, and enjoy, the rest of the painting. "His best work has a breathtaking quality" ('The Dictionary of Portrait Painters in Britain' by Brian Stewart and Mervyn Cutten.) THE HON. MATILDA SOMERSET, (born in 1815, died in 1890) , was the daughter of General Lord Robert Edward Henry Somerset and the Hon. Louisa Augusta Courtenay, the daughter of William Courtena...

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