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SOLD.....Portrait of a Gentleman 1743 attributed to Moses Vanderbank

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Description

Oil on canvas in reproduction frame. A portrait of a gentleman, the canvas inscribed 'M V Pinxt 1743' (M V painted this in 1743). The subject has his right hand tucked into his coat; this was the accepted symbol of the sitter being a gentleman, who did not work for a living, rather than, for example, a prosperous merchant or lawyer. His left arm rests upon a plinth...this also is symbolic, signifying the architecture of a large house and estate. The man stands in a straight backed pose wearing a serious expression, this being considered the correct way for a gentleman of wealth and breeding to present himself to the world. This is a 'textbook example' of mid 18th c. British portraiture. Almost certainly this gentleman is the husband of the sitter in portrait 8410, 'Portrait of a Lady 1743; attributed to Moses Vanderbank'. The portrait is very much in the style of JOHN VANDERBANK (1694-1739), especially the rubbed highlights and the treatment of the flesh tones - where a hot pink and cool grey-green are juxtaposed to suggest glowing skin. These are Vanderbank's 'trademarks' and instantly recognisable. However, John died four years before this painting was created. ...

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