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Portrait of Colonel Francis Russell c. 1690; Attributed to John Riley.

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Item Reference: SA204841

Date of manufacture: 1700

Description

Oil on canvas in carved and giltwood period frame, bears the inscription "Francis Russell, Son of the Hon. Edwd Russell". The sitter wears a fashionable and costly wig and an even more expensive cravat of Venetian 'gros-point' lace. In 1685 Charles II ordered three cravats of such lace at a total cost of £94....equivalent to over £16000 today! Colonel FRANCIS RUSSELL was the son of the Hon. Edward Russell and Penelope Brooke, widow of Sir William Brooke KB, of Sterborough Castle, Surrey, and Cowling Castle, Kent, and daughter of Sir Moyses Hill, of Hillsborough, County Down. Francis was the grandson of Francis Russell, 2nd Baron Russell of Thornhaugh later 4th Earl of Bedford, PC. The sitter's uncle was the Hon. William Russell, later 5th Earl of Bedford, later 1st Duke of Bedford. Colonel Francis Russell married on the 30th April 1691 the Hon. Catherine North, widow of (1) Sir Edward Moseley, 2nd Bt. MP, of Hough, co. Lancaster, and Rolleston, co. Stafford, and (2) Charles [North], 1st Baron Grey of Rolleston and 5th Baron North), 2nd daughter of William [Grey], 1st Baron Grey of Warke, by his wife Cecilia Wentworth, daughter of Sir John Wentworth, of Gosfield, Ess...

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