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**SOLD....Portrait of a Physician
c. 1780; Follower of Sir
Nathaniel Dance R.A.**

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Date of manufacture:

Description

Oil on canvas in a simple frame. An unusual portrait of a physician/surgeon c.1770, his right arm resting on a medical book and an anatomy diagram to his right. The doctor wears a good quality broadcloth suit expensively trimmed with silver braid; he wears his own hair rather than a wig and it is unpowdered. He looks out with a serious but benign expression...the very image of a competent professional man. SIR NATHANIEL DANCE R.A. (1735 - 1811) was a neo-classical history painter and portraitist. Son of an architect, he was trained as an artist by Francis Hayman from c.1749. He went to Rome in 1754 until 1765, working with Pompeo Batoni. He met, and fell in love with, Angelica Kauffmann but the relationship ended when they returned to London in 1766. Dance had a very good portrait business in London, painting the King and Queen. His male portraits were renowned for being solid and full of character. He was elected a founder member of the Royal Academy. He became a baronet and inherited a fortune in the 1770s and gave up portrait painting in 1782, becoming an M.P. in 1790. SIZE: 39 x 31.5 inches, inc. frame
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PROVENANCE: Private Collection.

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