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**Portrait of Anne Frederick
1782, by James Northcote R.A.**

Price

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Date of manufacture:

Description

Oil on canvas in original late Georgian gilded frame. Inscribed and dated 1783 verso. It was said to have been painted by James Northcote under the supervision of his former master Sir Joshua Reynolds. Mrs Frederick was born Ann Gregson, daughter of Francis Gregson: she married Thomas Lennox Frederick, son of the Honourable Charles Frederick, Knight of the Bath, in 1773, but they had no children. Born in London in 1750, Thomas had entered the navy in 1768. He was a lieutenant on HMS Ocean at the time of his marriage. Anne was known as "an accomplished young lady and famed for her lively witticisms". Thomas went on to become an admiral, dying in 1779. Mrs. Frederick was godmother to Charles Bayley, only son of William Bayley. On her death, having no children, this portrait passed to the Bayleys of Stoke Damerall near Plymouth. Northcote had painted Mary Bayley and Richard Bayley at the same time as he portrayed Anne Frederick. The Bayley portraits, framed exactly as this one, were sold at Christie's in 2005 for £8400 and £6000 respectively. This is a striking portrait showing the very latest fashions of the period, especially the hat. Women's fashion in the late 1780...

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