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SOLD....Portrait of Lady Anne Fitzroy, Countess of Sussex c.1665; Studio or Circle of Lely

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Description

Oil on canvas in fine quality 18th c. carved and giltwood frame. Inscribed lower right 'Lady Anne Fitzroy, Countess of Sussex' LADY ANNE FITZROY was the natural daughter of King Charles II and Barbara Villiers, Countess of Castlemaine and Duchess of Cleveland; they had spent the Coronation night together and Lady Anne was born nine months later. The King acknowledged the child and granted her the Royal Arms with a baton sinister. In 1674, aged 13, Lady Anne was married to Thomas Lennard, 15th Baron Dacre (created Earl of Sussex for the occasion); the wedding and dowry were both paid for by the king. The children of the union were Charles Lennard, Lord Dacre (1682-84), Henry Lennard (died only months old), Lady Barbara Lennard (1676-1741), Lady Anne Lennard, Baroness Dacre in her own right (1684-1755). The Earl and Countess separated in 1688. Lady Anne died in 1722 and her husband in 1715. SIR PETER LELY (1618-80) was the dominant portraitist of the reign of Charles II. Principal Painter to the King, he painted everyone of importance at the time. Lely himself was influenced by Van Dyck, upon whose style he based his own. In this portrait the pose is very similar to th...

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