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SOLD...Portrait of Elizabeth Sutherland Leveson-Gower, Duchess-Countess of Sutherland 1782; Studio or Circle of Romney.

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Description

Oil on canvas in a superb quality carved and giltwood 18th century frame. The prime version of this portrait of Lady Sutherland aged 17, painted by Romney and absolutely identical, is in the Cincinnati Art Museum, Ohio, USA. ELIZABETH SUTHERLAND LEVESON-GOWER, Duchess of Sutherland (1765–1839) was also the 19th Countess of Sutherland in her own right. Elizabeth was born at Leven Lodge near Edinburgh to William Gordon, 18th Earl of Sutherland and his wife Mary, daughter and coheir of William Maxwell. Her parents died of "putrid fever" in Bath in 1766, so as the only surviving child, she succeeded to her father's estates and titles in 1766, a few weeks after her first birthday, and although her title of Countess of Sutherland was contested by Sir Robert Gordon, Bart., a descendant of the 1st Earl of Gordon, it was confirmed by the House of Lords in 1771. Elizabeth Sutherland spent most of her childhood living in Edinburgh and London where between 1779 and 1782 she was educated. At the age of 20, on 4 September 1785, she married George Granville Leveson-Gower, Viscount Trentham, who was known as Earl Gower from 1786 until in 1803 he succeeded to his father's ti...

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