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SOLD....Portrait of Charles Pym Esquire c.1710; attributed to Sir Godfrey Kneller

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Description

Oil on canvas in good reproduction early 18th c. style frame. Inscribed upper left 'Charles Pym Esqr of St. Kitts. B. D. 1740.' The sitter within a feigned oval. Charles Pym was a member of an ancient English family, first found in Somerset. Like Charles, other members of the family sought their fortunes overseas....Henry Pym settled in Barbados in 1688; Mary Pym in Virginia in 1673; Richard Pym in Barbados in 1687, and another Charles Pym who arrived in New England in 1715. The Charles Pym depicted here was a wealthy and important sugar plantation owner in St. Kitt's (also known then as St. Christopher's). In 1727 he was a significant figure in the Federated Colony of the Leeward Islands...St.Kitt's, Nevis, Antigua and Montserrat. He was a Member of the Council of Antigua in 1725/6 and 1727/8, and on 18 September 1733 a Member of the Council of Basseterre. Pym had a daughter, Priscilla, who inherited her father's considerable wealth on his death in 1740. A very eligible heiress, she married Lord Romney in August 1742. They had five children, of whom the first-born was named Charles, after his grandfather. These wealthy entrepreneurs with estates in the Caribbean o...

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