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**SOLD...Portrait of an Officer of
the 39th Regiment of Foot;
c.1844-6, Anglo-Indian School**

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Date of manufacture:

Description

Oil on canvas in reproduction frame. A good quality Victorian portrait of an officer of the 39th Foot, almost certainly a captain. His left hand rests on his sword hilt and he carries his shako; this is the Albert Pattern Shako which came into use in 1844 and was in use for eleven years. The white tufted ball on the shako was in use for two years from 1844-46 when it became white and red. The 39th were in India in 1844 and had been for some years; the battalion came home to UK in 1847 and were initially stationed in Canterbury. As the officer's shako decoration is the white ball discontinued in 1846, it seems most likely that this portrait was painted in India. The officer is not wearing any medals, but the Battalion had taken part in the Battle of Maharajpore in 1843 for which a medal was awarded; however it is possible that they had not been presented when the painting was done. Below is a list of the captains of the 39th at this time; the portrait is of one of them, but which one is not yet known:- Henry Francis Stokes, Robert Newport Tinley, Arthur Herbert, Charles D Campbell, Henry Strachan, William Charles Wolfe, Thomas Wright Hudson, Thomas Edward Willbraham, E...

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