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**PORTRAIT OF DR.
NATHANIEL JOHNSTON**
c.1653: Attributed to John Hayls.

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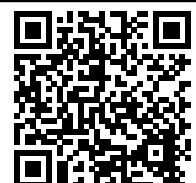
oil on canvas in good period frame. The sitter, dressed in doctor's robes, with very fine and expensive linen at his neck, holds a book with the initials NAT.BR upon it. This stands for 'Natum Bromatum', a book on homeopathy. This portrait was probably painted in 1653 to mark his marriage to Anne Cudworth. In the background can be seen the ruins of Pontefract Castle. NATHANIEL JOHNSTON M.D. (1627 – 1705) was an English physician, political theorist and antiquary. He was eldest son of John Johnston (d. 1657), by Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Hobson of Usflete, Yorkshire. His father, a Scot, lived for some time at Reedness in Yorkshire, and became rector of Sutton-on-Derwent. Johnston proceeded M.D. from King's College, Cambridge, in 1656, having been incorporated at Cambridge M.A. in 1654 with a degree from the University of St Andrews. He was created a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians by the charter of James II, and was admitted on 12 April 1687. He practised at Pontefract, but took up the antiquities and natural history of Yorkshire. Ralph Thoresby first made Johnston's acquaintance at Pontefract on 26 February 1682, and became a great friend and a correspo...

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