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**Robert Ker Porter 1777 -1842
Portrait of Admiral Sir William
Sidney Smith 1764-1840,
Holding a Sword and a Torch**

Price

GBP 9,500

| USD \$12,831 | EUR 11,111

Item Reference: SA299628**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 84 cm (33.1")

Width = 72 cm (28.3")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

Robert Ker Porter 1777 -1842 Portrait of Admiral Sir William Sidney Smith 1764-1840, Holding a Sword and a Torch 30 x 25 in. (76 x 64 cm.) The Portrait refers to Admiral Sir William Smith's heroic command at the Siege of Acre in March 1799, when he and a crew of Levantines under his command resisted successfully against Napoleon having captured Napoleons guns being convoyed up the coast, and mounted them on the walls against Napoleon. He held Acre for 2 1/2 months eventually being relieved. It was this action that made his name. Smith, Sir (William) Sidney (1764-1840), naval officer, was born on 21 June 1764 in Park Lane, London, the second son of John Smith of Midgham, Berkshire, a captain in the guards and gentleman-usher to Queen Charlotte, wife of George III; he was also grandson of Edward Smith, an army officer who was governor of Fort Charles at Kingston, Jamaica, and fought under Wolfe at Quebec. Another relation named Edward had been a captain in the navy who, in command of the Eltham, was killed in the attack on La Guayra on 18 February 1743. Sidney Smith's mother was the daughter of Mary Thurlow, a Norfolk heiress, and Pinckney Wilkinson, a London merchant...

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