

SA303375

Portrait of Richard Temple ,
first Viscount Cobham (?)
c.1695; by John Closterman.

Price

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Item Reference: SA303375

Date of manufacture: Before 1700

Dimensions

Height = 94 cm (37.0")

Width = 80 cm (31.5")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

Superb quality portrait, oil on canvas, later mounted on board, in the original fine carved and giltwood 17th century frame. This excellent portrait is typical of the height of the Baroque period; the handsome sitter relaxes in an expensive and fashionable silk 'tea gown', his costly wig flows over his shoulders. It is believed that the portrait is of Richard Temple , first Viscount Cobham (1675–1749), politician and landowner, was born on 24 October 1675, the first child of Sir Richard Temple, third baronet (1634–1697), of Stowe, Buckinghamshire, and MP for Buckingham. Temple was a British soldier and Whig politician. After serving as a junior officer under William III during the Williamite War in Ireland and during the Nine Years' War, he fought under John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough, during the War of the Spanish Succession. During the War of the Quadruple Alliance Temple led a force of 4,000 troops on a raid on the Spanish coastline which captured Vigo and occupied it for ten days before withdrawing. In Parliament he generally supported the Whigs but fell out with Sir Robert Walpole in 1733. He was known for his ownership of and modifications to the estate ...

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