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English School 17th Century,
Portrait of Richard Bancroft,
DD, MA, BA, Archbishop of
Canterbury 1544 - 1610

Price

GBP 6,500

| USD \$8,796 | EUR 7,606

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Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 59 cm (23.2")

Width = 39 cm (15.4")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

English School 17th Century, Portrait of Richard Bancroft, DD, MA, BA, Archbishop of Canterbury 1544 - 1610 oil on oak panel 50.80 x 30.48 cm. (20 x 12 in.) Bancroft, Richard (bap. 1544, d. 1610), archbishop of Canterbury, was baptized at Prescott, Farnworth, Lancashire, on 12 September 1544. He was the second son of John Bancroft, gentleman, and his wife, Mary, daughter of James Curwen and niece of Hugh Curwen (c.1500–1568), archbishop of Dublin (1555–67) and bishop of Oxford (1567–8). Bancroft was educated locally at the grammar school in Farnworth. He was older than was usual for his generation when admitted to Cambridge, where he was elected scholar at Christ's College, graduating BA in 1567. Although his reputation was said to be higher on the sports field in boxing, wrestling, and quarterstaff, he was nevertheless chosen to greet Elizabeth during her first visit to Cambridge in 1564. He delivered an overweening encomium, lauding her shining example and praising her as a judge against the raging bulls of the pope. Financial uncertainty may have delayed Bancroft's initial entry to university. In his final undergraduate year Archbishop Curwen granted him the preben...
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