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Portrait of a Gentleman c.1650: English School.

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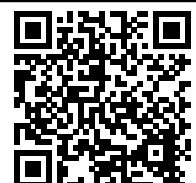
Oil on canvas in a 17th century carved and giltwood frame. The sitter wears the black clothing and linen band of an academic, probably a doctor of divinity or law. It is interesting that this portrait belonged to Robert Spencer until his death in 1997 then to Christopher Hogwood...both leading figures in the field of early music. It seems likely then that they both believed this man to be of importance in that field. Certainly it is a fine portrait of an intelligent and sensitive looking man and the viewer is in intimate proximity to the image which fills the frame with a sense of quiet strength. SIZE: 20 x 14 inches, canvas. 26.5 x 19 inches inc. frame. PROVENANCE: Collection of Robert Spencer. Collection of Christopher Hogwood CBE from 1997 - 2015). ROBERT ALLEN SPENCER (1832-1997) was a leading figure in the early music field, equally accomplished as a singer, lutenist, guitarist, musicologist and teacher. Spencer taught at the Royal Academy of Music in London for 23 years. He went there originally to teach lute and then took a class in English song. He later started a similar class at the Royal College of Music and taught at numerous conservatories and summer school...

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