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Portrait of H.M.S Royal Adelaide 1837; Attributed to Joseph Walter.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA379743****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 83 cm (32.7")

Width = 112 cm (44.1")

Depth = 6.5 cm (2.6")

Description

Oil on canvas in a gilt frame. HMS ROYAL ADELAIDE LYING AT ANCHOR IN THE HAMOAZE AT DEVONPORT, WITH A LONGBOAT CARRYING DISTINGUISHED VISITORS HEADING INSHORE OFF HER STERN, THE BUILDINGS OF THE ROYAL WILLIAM VICTUALLING YARD ON THE OPPOSITE BANK. Bears signature and date 1837, oil on canvas. The first rate warship Royal Adelaide was laid down in Plymouth Dockyard as the London in May 1819. A larger version of Nelson's Victory, she displaced 4,122 tons, measured 198 feet in length with a 54 foot beam, and mounted 104 guns on three decks. She was one of the earliest Royal Navy ships to have planking right round the bow at the height of the forecastle. However attempts to strengthen the stern in a similar way meant depriving the officers of their large windows and glass doors and met with indignant opposition. They objected to being deprived of their comfort, so the windows and glass doors remained open to devastating broadsides from astern. Originally called HMS London she was nine years on the stocks before being launched on 28th July 1828 in the presence of the Lord High Admiral, the Duke of Clarence (later King William IV), as HMS London, she was christened by his Du...

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