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Portrait of Mrs. Elizabeth Draper , (née Sclater)1744 - 1778 by John Raphael Smith, 1752 - 1812

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Description

John Raphael Smith, 1752 - 1812 Portrait of Mrs. Elizabeth Draper , (née Sclater)1744 - 1778 oil on canvas 15 x 12 in. (38 x 30 cm.) overall (with frame): 19.75"h x 15.75"w Eliza was born on 5 April 1744, at Angengo, Malabar, a British trading post in Travancore country on the Arabian Sea coast. She was daughter of May Sclater, secretary of Angengo Fort, and Judith Whitehill, daughter of the fort's chief, Charles Whitehill. After a brief married life, Judith lost her husband in 1746. She herself died two years later, leaving her three daughters in the care of their grandparents. Angengo was a small coastal piece of land that came into the possession of the East India Company in 1694 through a grant from the Queen of Attingal. It was a curious place where females were not allowed to cover their breasts. A number of Eliza's letters remain, all lively epistles addressed to her cousins, uncles, sisters and friends, written from various places such as Bombay, Tellicherry and Surat. They reveal a frank, witty, playful and observant person in the midst of a chaotic period in India, writing about her personal affairs, passions, matters of the heart, the life of the English ...

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