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Melville, 1846-1885
Portrait of Queen Victoria 1819
– 1901 wearing a Blue Sash of
the Order of the Garter

Price

GBP 1,200

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Date of manufacture: 1800

Description

Attributed to Alexander Melville, 1846-1885 Portrait of Queen Victoria 1819 – 1901 wearing a Blue Sash of the Order of the Garter pencil and watercolour 26 x 19 cm (10 x 7.1/2 in.) Victoria was born at Kensington Palace, London, on 24 May 1819. She was the only daughter of Edward, Duke of Kent, fourth son of George III. Her father died shortly after her birth and she became heir to the throne because the three uncles who were ahead of her in succession - George IV, Frederick Duke of York, and William IV - had no legitimate children who survived. Warmhearted and lively, Victoria had a gift for drawing and painting; educated by a governess at home, she was a natural diarist and kept a regular journal throughout her life. On William IV's death in 1837, she became Queen at the age of 18. Queen Victoria is associated with Britain's great age of industrial expansion, economic progress and, especially, empire. At her death, it was said, Britain had a worldwide empire on which the sun never set. In the early part of her reign, she was influenced by two men: her first Prime Minister, Lord Melbourne, and her husband, Prince Albert, whom she married in 1840. Both men taught her m...

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