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Portrait of 1st Duke of Albemarle, 18th century, After Sir Peter Lely (1618-1680)

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA420459****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 146 cm (57.5")

Width = 122 cm (48.0")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

An impressive scale portrait of General George Monck, 1st Duke of Albemarle standing three-quarter length in an interior wearing Garter robes and the order of the garter collar, pendant, and star, oil on canvas. This infamous character has been portrayed in an interior with a red curtain pulled back and shipping visible through a background window. General Monck (born at Potheridge in Devon in 1608) played a key role in the Restoration of Charles II in 1660 (along with Samuel Pepys' patron Edward Montagu). He was an accomplished military commander and naval captain was General of the land forces and Admiral at Sea under Cromwell. For his services he was rewarded with the title Duke of Albemarle. His life and antics are heavily documented and as such an important figure his portrait was depicted by the greats of his age such as Robert Walker (was in the possession of the Earl of Sandwich), Sir Peter Lely (was in the Painted hall at Greenwich and Lord Chancellor Clarendon), Jacob Huysmans, John Michael Wright et al. He died 3 January 1670 and a grand marble effigy stands in Westminster Abbey. The armour from the funeral effigy which lay on his hearse still exists in t...

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