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An Important Eighteenth  
Century Oil Portrait of Sir  
Thomas Plumer, Master of the  
Rolls & First Vice Chancellor of  
Britain - Attributed to Lemuel  
Francis Abbott

Price

**Sold****Item Reference: SA438788****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 94 cm (37.0")

Width = 81 cm (31.9")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

## Description

A very fine and important late eighteenth century oil portrait of Sir Thomas Plumer, Master of the Rolls and First Vice Chancellor of England attributed to Lemuel Francis Abbott. Sir Thomas Plumer Sir Thomas Plumer was the son of Thomas Plumer, a London wine merchant of Lilling Hall, Yorkshire and Anne Thompson, daughter of Henry Thompson of Kirby Hall, Yorkshire. Educated at Eton and then at University College, Oxford he was elected a Vinerian scholar for achieving the highest marks under examination for his Bachelor of Civil Law. He was called to the bar in 1778 where he served the Oxford & South Wales circuit for eight years whilst in 1781 until 1793, he served as commissioner of bankrupts. He also served from 1785 as the King's Sergeant of the Duchy of Lancaster until 1813. In 1783 Plumer came to more public prominence for his skilful defence of Sir Thomas Rumbold, Governor of Madras who had come under suspicion for his dealings with Indian landowners. Actions which were considered to have led to the invasion of the Carnatic by Haider Ali, ruler of Mysore. Plumer's success secured him a place on the defence council in the trial of Warren Hastings, Governor General...

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