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Sophia-Dorothea, Princess of
Celle: Continental School
c.1700

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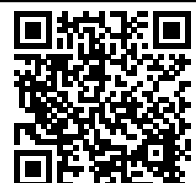
Portrait of Sophia-Dorothea of Celle (Zeel) 1666-1726. Oil on canvas, inscribed 'S. de Zeel' and bearing the pre-1707 English Royal coat of arms. Sophia-Dorothea was the only child of George William of Brunswick-Celle and Eleanore d'Olbreuze. In 1682 she was married, aged sixteen, for political and dynastic reasons, to her cousin George of Hanover, who later became King of England. She bore him two children, one of whom became George II of England. This marriage was a very unhappy one; Sophia was hated by her mother-in-law the Electress of Hanover and these feelings were soon shared by George himself. George was a coarse and boorish man with no interest in the arts and literature which appealed to his wife. It was under these circumstances that Sophia met the dashing cavalry officer Count Philip Christophe von Konigsmark of Sweden; he assisted her in two futile attempts to escape from Hanover and, rightly or wrongly, was regarded as her lover. Through the political machinations and intrigues of the Countess von Platen, her father-in-law's long term mistress and Konigsmark's spurned lover, Sophia and Konigsmark were betrayed. On 1 July 1694 Konigsmark disappeared and ...

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