

SA461181

Portrait of Capt. the Hon.
Henry Dundas Shore C.1820,
by Arthur William Devis.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA461181

Date of manufacture: Regency

Dimensions

Height = 99 cm (39.0")

Width = 87 cm (34.3")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

Oil on canvas in the original Regency gilt frame. This is a superb portrait of the young aristocratic officer; sensitive and insightful, his hair in the fashionably Byronic style. It is a fine example of the best work of Devis. He wears the dress uniform of the Light Dragoons. CAPTAIN THE HONOURABLE HENRY DUNDAS SHORE (1800 - 1826) was the third son of the 1st Lord Teignmouth, Governor General of India and anti slavery campaigner. The sitter served with the 11th Regiment of Light Dragoons as Cornet in 1818, then in the 4th Royal Irish Regiment of Dragoon Guards (being promoted to Lieutenant in November 1822) before becoming Captain in the Royal Marines in 1826. Shore died in Loumarin, France, in April 1826. He was 26 and unmarried. His funeral was a grand affair: "The pall was borne by officers of the French army. As the procession passed through the streets, which were densely crowded - as a holiday had been granted to the people of the neighbourhood - its progress was indicated by volleys from the carbines of the gendarmerie and the same martial tribute was bestowed at the grave." (from 'Memoir of the Life and Correspondence of John, Lord Shore', vol.2). ARTHUR WILL...

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