

SA461423

Portrait of The Hon. Frederick John Shore, c.1820, by Arthur William Devis.

Price

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Item Reference: SA461423

Date of manufacture: Regency

Dimensions

Height = 99 cm (39.0")

Width = 84 cm (33.1")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

Oil on canvas in the original Regency gilt frame. This is a superb portrait of the young nobleman, sensitive and insightful, his hair in the fashionably Byronic style. It is a fine example of the best work of Devis. THE HONOURABLE FREDERICK JOHN SHORE, (1799-1827), 2nd son of the 1st Lord Teignmouth, Governor General of India and anti slavery campaigner. The sitter was born in England in May 1799 and married Charlotte Mary Cornish (1800-1883), the daughter of his mother's younger brother, in January 1830. He was the author of "Indian Affairs", a noted political treatise, whilst an employee of the East India Company. At this time the East India Company ruled large areas of India with its own private armies, exercising military power and assuming administrative functions. Company rule in India effectively began in 1757 and lasted until 1858 when, following the Indian Rebellion of 1857, the Government of India Act 1858 led to the British Crown assuming direct control of India in the form of the new British Raj. An old handwritten label verso informs us that Frederick was killed "at the storming of a Robber Fort in India" two days before his 38th birthday. His wife bore ...

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