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Attributed to George Dawe,
1781-1829
Portrait of Leopold George
Frederick Duke of Saxe Coburg,
Leopold I of Belgium
1790-1865

Price

GBP 6,500

| USD \$8,796 | EUR 7,606

Item Reference: SA486046**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 101 cm (39.8")

Width = 76 cm (29.9")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

Attributed to George Dawe, 1781-1829 Portrait of Leopold George Frederick Duke of Saxe Coburg, Leopold I of Belgium 1790-1865 oil on canvas 40 x 30in. (102 x 76 cm.) This portrait shows Leopold I wearing the order of the Garter which was bestowed on him in 1816 the year he married Princess Charlotte of Wales. This portrait shows Leopold bearing striking similarities in looks to his nephew Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha who became the husband to Queen Victoria. Leopold I 1790 – 1865 was a German prince who became the first King of the Belgians following Belgian independence in 1830. He reigned between July 1831 and December 1865. Born into the ruling family of the small German duchy of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld, Leopold took a commission in the Imperial Russian Army and fought against Napoleon after French troops overran Saxe-Coburg during the Napoleonic Wars. After Napoleon's defeat, Leopold moved to the United Kingdom where he married Princess Charlotte of Wales, the only child of the Prince Regent (the future King George IV), thus situating himself as close as possible to the future prince consort of the United Kingdom. Charlotte died in 1817, but Leopold continued ...

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