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**Portrait of Claude-René Pâris,
Count of Soulanges c. 1760;
Circle of Louis Michel Van Loo
(1707-1771)**

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA490862

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 109 cm (42.9")

Width = 93 cm (36.6")

Depth = 13 cm (5.1")

Description

Oil on canvas. This large portrait depicts the French aristocrat and naval officer Claude-René Pâris (1736-1795) who was the last Count of Soulanges. He descended from the family of the lords of Soulanges, a fiefdom near Ancenis in Brittany, France. The Pâris family originated either in England or Flanders and gave its name to a château in Basse-Bretagne (see photo). Claude-René was the eldest son of Claude-Louis Pâris, knight and lord of Soulanges, and his wife, Françoise de Gatinaire, daughter of Claude de Gatinaire, lord of Gatinaire, Preville and Marguerite Merisson. His military career began in 1751 and he was promoted to enseigne de vaisseau in 1755, then lieutenant de vaisseau in 1761. He fought in the American War of Independence and later he emigrated to Britain after the French Revolution. He was made a lieutenant colonel in the régiment d'Hector during the Quiberon Expedition but he was wounded in action and died in 31st July 1795. Wearing a full breast plate under a crimson coat that is heavily inscribed with gold frogging, his right hand holding his bicorne hat. The wig style and the large tie at the nape of the neck were popular around in the 1760's. ...

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