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**Charles Bertie II of Uffington
1711, by Charles D'Agar.**

Price

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Item Reference: SA498550

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 94 cm (37.0")

Width = 82 cm (32.3")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

Oil on canvas is a fine period carved and giltwood frame. Painted in 1711 when he became a Member of Parliament. Dimly seen by his left shoulder is a stag. It has no relation to any of the family coats of arms, but clearly was of great significance to Charles. In fact as art collector Richard Grigson has informed me : ' the website of the Bull & Swan in Burghley says "there was a drinking club at Burghley House founded by the Fifth Earl of Exeter in 1684, called the Honourable Order of Little Bedlam. The Earl of Gainsborough was known as Greyhound, the Honourable Charles Bertie was The Stag, the Earl of Denbigh was Tyger amongst other nefarious characters..." ' This club was relaunched in 1705. CHARLES BERTIE 1674 -1730. Married in 1704 to the daughter and heiress of John Norborne Esq. of Great Stukeley, Huntindonshire. (3 sons, 1 daughter). Guided by his very politically minded father, Charles Bertie I, the sitter became active in politics from at least 1702; however it was not until 1711 that he gained a parliamentary seat, when returned on a family interest for Stamford at a by-election caused by the death of his father. In 1713 he followed the lead of his kinsman, t...

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