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Portrait of King William III
c.1700; Provenance: Dublin
Castle; Follower or Circle of Sir
Godfrey Kneller (1646-1723)

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA509195

Date of manufacture: 1700

Dimensions

Height = 168 cm (66.1")

Width = 137 cm (53.9")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

Portrait of King William III when Prince of Orange c.1700, oil on canvas Follower or Circle of Sir Godfrey Kneller (1646-1723) This grand scale portrait painted circa 1700 depicts King William III, when William of Orange (Prince of Orange) on the battlefield, possibly during The Glorious Revolution. It is the epitome of the early propaganda portrait. Images such as this were an essential tool that King William and his supporters used to emphasise and glorify his importance and further his cause. As such many were created and there were as many different variations. Painted in warm tones the sitter has been depicted with a straightforward and honest manner. The work is reminiscent of Sir Godfrey Kneller and Willem Wissing and is very impressive in quality and scale. The portrait was at Dublin Castle before it was sold to the Domville family of Santry Court, Dublin sometime before 1888. Prince William of Orange (later King William III) was highly important in the politics of Europe. He had been Captain General of the Dutch United Provinces in their war against the armies of Louis XIV and was an important figure to the Protestant cause in England. In 1677, William m...

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