

SA533539

Early 18th Century marble Statue of Aeschines

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA533539****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 122 cm (48.0")

Width = 42 cm (16.5")

Depth = 29 cm (11.4")

Description

A fine early 18th Century marble statue of Aeschines, after the antique in Rome. Aeschines - (born 390 BC—died c. 314 BC), Athenian orator who advocated peace with Philip II of Macedonia and who was a bitter political opponent of the statesman Demosthenes. Aeschines was brought up in humble circumstances, and in the early part of his career he worked as a tragic actor and held minor posts in the state service. In 346 BC he, like Demosthenes, was a member of the embassies to Philip II that resulted in the peace of Philocrates between Athens and Macedonia. During the negotiations Aeschines had sought to reconcile the Athenians to Macedonia's expansion into Greece, and consequently, after the peace had been concluded, Demosthenes and Timarchus prepared to prosecute him for treason. In retaliation Aeschines successfully indicted Timarchus for gross immorality, and at his own trial in 343 he was acquitted by a narrow majority. In 339, by provoking the council of the Amphictyonic League to declare a sacred war against the town of Amphissa, in Locris, Aeschines gave Philip a pretext on which to enter central Greece as the champion of the Amphictyonic forces. The eventual res...

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