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Portrait of Charles Louis (Karl Ludwig), Prince Palatine c.1635;
Studio of Gerrit van Honthorst.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA549635****Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 89 cm (35.0")

Width = 74 cm (29.1")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

Oil on oak panel. CHARLES LOUIS, (German: Karl I. Ludwig), Elector Palatine KG (22 December 1617 – 28 August 1680) was the second son of German elector Frederick V of the Palatinate, the "Winter King" of Bohemia, and his wife, Elizabeth of England. He is shown here wearing the sash and insignia of the Order of the Garter given to him by Charles I. After the death of his older brother, Henry Frederick, in 1629, and of his father in 1632, Charles Louis inherited his exiled father's possessions in the Electorate of the Palatinate. Along with his younger brother Rupert, he spent much of the 1630s at the court of his maternal uncle, Charles I of England, hoping to enlist English support for his cause. The young Elector Palatine was largely unsuccessful in this, and became gradually estranged from the King, who feared that Charles Louis might become a focus for opposition forces in England. Indeed, in the English crisis leading up to the outbreak of the English Civil War, Charles Louis had considerable sympathy for the parliamentary leaders, especially the Earl of Essex, feeling them more likely to come to the aid of the Palatinate on the continent. Although Charles Louis wa...

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