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**Portrait of Sir Edward Villiers
c.1625, by George Geldorp.**

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Item Reference: SA566722

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 87 cm (34.3")

Width = 77 cm (30.3")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

Oil on canvas in appropriate reproduction frame. SIR EDWARD VILLIERS (c.1585 – 7 September 1626) was an English nobleman, diplomat, office-holder, knight, and politician from the powerful Villiers family. He was the second son of Sir George Villiers by his first wife. By his father's second marriage he was a half-brother of James I's favourite, George Villiers, 1st Duke of Buckingham. Villiers was knighted on 7 September 1616. In October 1617, he succeeded Sir Richard Martin as Master of the Mint (until 1623), and in November 1618 he became Comptroller of the Court of Wards. From 1623 until his death he was Warden of the Mint. On 30 December 1620 Villiers was elected as one of the members of parliament for Westminster. In August 1625 he asked the Commons to prevent a dissolution by desisting from their attack on his half-brother Buckingham. Meanwhile, James I, in January 1625, appointed Villiers Lord President of Munster; the appointment was confirmed by Charles I on 6 May, and in August Villiers went to Ireland to assume his duties. He held the post little over a year, and was absent for several months during that period. Villiers died in the college of Youghal,...

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