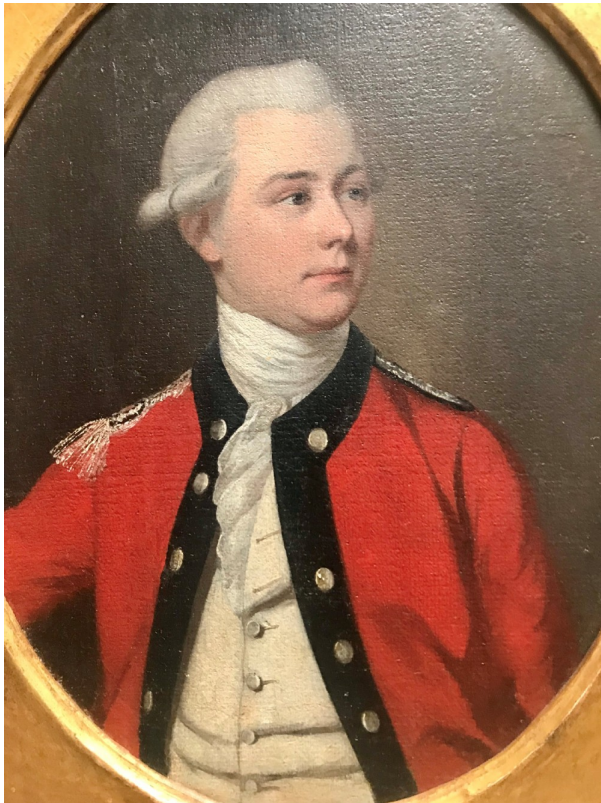


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**Portrait of an Officer c. 1770;
by Tilly Kettle.**

Price

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Item Reference: SA569783

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 33 cm (13.0")

Width = 28 cm (11.0")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

Oil on canvas, later mounted on board, in a gilt mount and frame. This is a charming small portrait, painted with almost a miniaturist's skill, of a British officer of the 1770s; probably painted in India. The sitter has the serene and assured poise typical of Kettle's portraits. The size makes it likely that it was a gift to a wife or fiancée, sent via ship from India to Britain. TILLY KETTLE (1735–1786) was a portrait painter and the first prominent English portrait painter to operate in India. He was born in London, the son of a coach painter. He studied drawing with William Shipley in the Strand and first entered professional portraiture in the 1750s. Kettle's first series of portraits appeared in the 1760s. His first surviving painting is a self-portrait from 1760, with his first exhibit with the Free Society of Artists in 1761. In 1762, he worked at restoring Robert Streater's ceiling paintings in the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford, and painted Francis Yarborough, a doctor of Brasenose College, Oxford in 1763. He painted many members of the family of William Legge, 2nd Earl of Dartmouth. In 1764-5, he was active in London and continued exhibiting at the Society of ...

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