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Portrait of James, Duke of Monmouth as a Youth c.1650; Circle of Lely.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA585630****Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 91.5 cm (36.0")

Width = 73 cm (28.7")

Depth = 7.5 cm (3.0")

Description

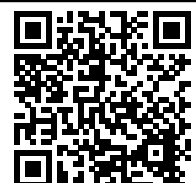
Oil on canvas in a modern reproduction frame. JAMES SCOTT, 1st and last Duke of Monmouth, was born on 9 March 1649 at Rotterdam, The Netherlands. The eldest of Charles II's fourteen illegitimate children, Monmouth was the son of Lucy Walter. He fought in the Second and Third Anglo-Dutch wars gaining a considerable reputation as one of Britain's finest soldiers. He married Anne Scott, Countess of Buccleuch, daughter of Francis Scott, 2nd Earl of Buccleuch and Lady Margaret Leslie, on 20 April 1663 at Earl of Wemyss' house, London, England. Charming and ambitious, he was put forward as a Protestant candidate for the throne at the time of the 'Popish Plot' in 1678. On his father's death in 1685 he led the 'Monmouth Rebellion', an attempt to take the throne from his uncle, James II. He landed in England with a small Protestant army and issued a declaration in which he accused James of poisoning the late king, usurping the throne and ruling against the law. He was defeated at Sedgemoor and was captured in the New Forest a few days later, and executed in the Tower of London on July 15 1685. SIR PETER LELY (1618 - 1680) was the most important portraitist in the reign of Char...

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