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Portrait of Louis François de Bourbon, Prince of Conti
c.1727; Studio of Pierre Gobert
(1662-1744)

Price

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Item Reference: SA596982

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 135 cm (53.1")

Width = 106 cm (41.7")

Depth = 9 cm (3.5")

Description

This exquisite large-scale portrait depicts the young Prince de Conti, Louis François de Bourbon (1717-1776) who was a member of the French royal Bourbon dynasty, and pretender to the Polish throne. Louis François was a brave and skilful general, and a diligent student of military history – elements clearly denoted in this portrait. Set in a woodland with a town on the horizon, he wears glittering armour over a lace cravat, a large white sash, and the blue order of the Holy Spirit. The high rank of this valiant prince is denoted through the gleaming armour, the baton of command, and the large plume in the helmet. The present painting, deriving from a full-length portrait by Pierre Gobert held at Versailles, has been skilfully rendered and it abounds with ingenious flourishes and a dazzling portrayal of the armour. It is no wonder Pierre Gobert was favoured at the French court during the reign of Louis XV. This studio painting would almost certainly have been produced for a member of the French Court. A same sized identical portrait, autographed, sold in Vienna, Dorotheum for 32,000 euro April 9, 2004, lot 516. Louis François was the Prince of Conti from 1727 to ...

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