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SOLD.....Portrait of a Gentleman c.1720; Circle of Kneller

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Item Reference: SA61286

Date of manufacture: 1700

Description

Oil on canvas in original carved and giltwood frame. A good quality early 18th century portrait by a member of Kneller's Circle, or possibly his Studio. The artist, not as yet identified, had considerable talent. The expensively dressed and wigged man (quite literally the local 'bigwig'!) gestures with his right hand towards what one presumes is his land and the flocks of sheep. Wool, the source of his wealth. SIR GODFREY KNELLER (1646 - 1723) was the most profound influence on late 17th and 18th c. portraiture. By 1679 he had painted the King and remained the most famous and successful portrait painter in England; in 1688 he was appointed Principal Painter to the King. He maintained a busy studio with talented assistants to help with the demand for his work. SIZE: 58 x 48 inches inc. frame. The frame is in basically good condition, with some signs of damage at the front, and there are a large number of old and inactive woodworm holes to the back. These do not affect the integrity of the frame and are harmless. Extensive losses to the gilt. PROVENANCE: This portrait, with others of the same family, hung for many years in a large house in Essex until December 2009. ...

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