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**Portrait of Robert George Duff
(1817-1890) c.1836; Attributed
to Thomas Phillips RA
(1770-1845)**

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA624286

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 122 cm (48.0")

Width = 101 cm (39.8")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

This work formed part of a collection of family pictures and heirlooms of the ancient Duff family who were located for more than three centuries at their family home, Hatton Castle. The portrait descended through the family for around 185 years until it was recently sold, along with the Castle (only the second time in 700 years). An exquisite kit-cat sized portrait of a dashing young officer wearing an elaborate scarlet coat, sash and badge, fringed epaulettes, Prussian collar, and a greatcoat arranged across his back. The uniform and accoutrements displayed here are of an officer serving in the 12th (The East Suffolk) Regiment of Foot and the type of badge was in use up to 1842. The dashing sitter is Robert George Duff (1817-1890), a distant cousin of the Earls of Fife, and was the second eldest of four sons of Garden Duff, 8th of Hatton, 4th of Whitehill (1779-1858) and Louisa Dunbar (1788-1865). Robert served in the British Army, 12th (The East Suffolk) Regiment of Foot, Ensign on 29th July 1836, made Lieutenant on 26th June 1838, and Captain on 25th Oct 1842. He retired the same year he married Mary Astley (1822-1874) in London in 1847. She was the daughter...

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