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Portrait of William Pitt 1759-1806, Prime Minister, Robrt Ker Porter 1777-1842

Price

GBP 6,500

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Item Reference: SA63859

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 82 cm (32.3")

Width = 60 cm (23.6")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

Oil on canvas, 24 x 15 ins (61 x 38 cm.) William Pitt was born at Hayes, Kent on 28th May 1759. He suffered from poor health and was educated at home. His father, William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, was the former M.P. for Old Sarum and one of the most important politicians of the period. The Earl of Chatham was determined that his son would eventually become a member of the House of Commons and at an early age William was given lessons on how to become an effective orator. When William was fourteen he was sent to Pembroke Hall, Cambridge. His health remained poor and he spent most of the time with his tutor, the Rev. George Pretyman. William, who studied Latin and Greek, received his M.A. in 1776. William grew up with a strong interest in politics and spent much of his spare time watching debates in parliament. On 7th April 1778 he was present when his father collapsed while making a speech in the House of Lords and helped to carry his dying father from the chamber. In 1781 Sir James Lowther arranged for William Pitt to become the M.P. for Appleby. He made his first speech in the House of Commons on 26th February, 1781. William Pitt had been well trained and afterwards, Lor...

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