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Portrait of Hammond Crosse
(1703-1785) circa 1744;
Attributed to Bartholomew
Dandridge (1691-c.1754)

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Item Reference: SA668120

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 144 cm (56.7")

Width = 120 cm (47.2")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

The sitter in this grand scale portrait is Hammond Crosse, a member of the wealthy Crosse family from London who made their fortune in the brewing industry. John Crosse, the sitter's grandfather, inherited an estate worth £100,000 when he was just four years of age. The sitter of our portrait was made High Sherriff of Bedfordshire in 1744. It is likely that this portrait was painted at this time to mark the event. Hammond married the daughter of his father's cousin and together the couple had three sons and a daughter. When Hammond died, he owned property at Hockley and had bought more in the area. His eldest son, Thomas, received a large estate at Brammingham and his second son, Hammond, who became a Middlesex Commissioner for Land Tax Redemption, inherited a property in Clerkenwell, London. The youngest son, John, who had studied at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, and had been ordained, became a well-known Vicar of Bradford in Yorkshire, where his father had purchased the right of presentation. There is an interesting and extensive account of his eldest son's three-year Grand Tour (a customary travel throughout Europe and a rite of passage for all British 'society' gentl...

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