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**Portrait of Captain Mackinley
c.1830, by Sir William Beechey.**

Price

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Item Reference: SA673716

Date of manufacture: Regency

Dimensions

Height = 94 cm (37.0")

Width = 81 cm (31.9")

Depth = 9 cm (3.5")

Description

Oil on canvas in the original very fine frame. This is an excellent portrait typical of the period; the handsome sitter has a fashionable brooding, Byronic look, with the dark background enhancing the drama and encouraging the viewer to concentrate on the sitter's face. The sitter is thought to be Thomas George MacKinley (1809-1865); he was the son of John Mackinley and Maria Cates. Born in London, he was an officer in the Royal Navy, becoming a captain in July 1830. The Mackinleys are related by marriage to the eminent Copeman and Boord families with connections to Wakehurst Place, Sussex. SIR WILLIAM BEECHEY RA (12 December 1753 – 28 January 1839) was a leading English portraitist during the golden age of British painting. Beechey was admitted to the Royal Academy Schools in 1772, where he is thought to have studied under Johan Zoffany. He first exhibited at the Academy in 1776. His earliest surviving portraits are small-scale full-length and conversation pieces which are reminiscent of Zoffany. In 1782, he moved to Norwich, where he gained several commissions, including a portrait of Sir John Wodehouse and a series of civic portraits for St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich. B...

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