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Attributed to Henry Walton,
1746–1813
Portrait of a General Officer of
a Royal Regiment, circa 1790

Price

GBP 4,500

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Item Reference: SA678026

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 75 cm (29.5")

Width = 62 cm (24.4")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

Attributed to Henry Walton, 1746–1813 Portrait of a General Officer of a Royal Regiment, circa 1790 oil on canvas 75 x 62 cm. (25.1/2 x 24.1/2 in.) The General Officer is wearing a standard infantry officers uniform, probably for a Royal regiment, because the uniform is in the colours of the Royal livery - scarlet, dark blue and gold. All regiments in the Regular Army numbered their buttons after 1768, either in Arabic or Roman letters. From the mid 1780s the coat collar, which originally lay flat on the shoulders, gradually started to be fashioned as a stand-up collar, as here, and that style became official in 1796, but in that year the cut-away style of coat, open over the belly to reveal the waistcoat, was abolished and the lapels were cut so as to fasten all the way down to the waist thereby hiding the waistcoat completely. It is therefore possible to date this portrait at the beginning of the French Revolutionary Wars in 1792. The Militia also wore uniforms exactly like this and there were several regiments that had dark blue facings and gold lace, for example Linconshire and Lancashire, but there were others. The Militia did not number its buttons and very...

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