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**Portrait of Sir Richard Bolton
circa 1620; Follower of Marcus
Gheeraerts (c.1561-1636)**

Price

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Item Reference: SA694173

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 86 cm (33.9")

Width = 78 cm (30.7")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

According to the inscriptions on this portrait the sitter was 50 years of age in the year 1620. By tradition the sitter is Sir Richard Bolton (c.1570-1648) and the method in which he has been depicted alludes to his profession - the books on the shelf and the open book on a plinth containing the word 'Ireland' and date '1620'. Sir Richard Bolton was an English lawyer and judge, and was an important figure in Irish political life in the 1630s and 1640s. He practised for a time as a barrister in England before moving to Ireland. In 1605 he held the post of Recorder of Dublin. He was knighted in 1618 and in that same year he was appointed Solicitor-General for Ireland. In 1639 Bolton was appointed Lord Chancellor of Ireland. Bolton was actively engaged in negotiations connected with the cessation of hostilities between England and the Irish in 1643 and he signed the proclamation in 1646 announcing the conclusion of a treaty of peace between Charles I of England and his Roman Catholic subjects in Ireland. He died in 1648. In his left hand he holds his band strings which are tied at the top to keep his ruff in place. The fine neck and matching lace wrist ruffs are cons...

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