

SA740843

Superb 18th Century Portrait of Alexander Popham by Thomas Beach Signed

Price

GBP 12,950

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Item Reference: SA740843

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 92 cm (36.2")

Width = 78 cm (30.7")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

Superb 18th Century Portrait of Alexander Popham of Bagborough, Somerset, by Thomas Beach Signed and dated 1781 Beautiful period antique frame. Measurements are: 78cm wide, 92cm high and 7cm deep Beach was born at Milton Abbas, Dorset in 1738, and showed a strong predilection for art from an early age. In 1760, under the patronage of Lord Dorchester's family, he became a pupil of Sir Joshua Reynolds, while at the same time studying at the St. Martin's Lane Academy. He then settled at the fashionable resort of Bath, where he was much in demand for his portraits and portrait groups, which were usually of a small size.[1] He painted the actress Sarah Siddons several times. In his first portrait of her, painted in the winter of 1781-2, she is shown seated, in everyday clothes, holding a book. He depicted her again later in 1782, in one of his more ambitious works, an allegorical portrait inspired by Milton's *Il Penseroso*, in which she represented the personification of Melancholy.[2] In 1787 he painted Mrs. Siddons and John Kemble in the *Dagger Scene* in *Macbeth*, of which the actress wrote, "My brother's head is the finest I have ever seen, and the likeliest of the two".[...]

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