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Portrait of John Churchill, 1st
Duke of Marlborough
(1650-1722) c.1702; Studio of
Sir Godfrey Kneller
(1646-1723)

Price

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Item Reference: SA748345

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 146 cm (57.5")

Width = 121 cm (47.6")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

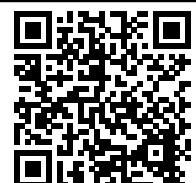
Description

This exquisite work was once at the moated Elizabethan manor Badmoudisfield Hall, thought to have been built by Sir George Somerset (died 1559) when he was in possession (the estate itself is much older and was recorded in the Domesday Book as a substantial royal manor). The sitter in this exquisite large-scale portrait is John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough, 1st Prince of Mindelheim, 1st Count of Nellenburg, Prince of the Holy Roman Empire. Churchill was one of the greatest military commanders in history, and was a statesman whose career spanned the reigns of five monarchs. As de facto leader of Allied forces in the Low Countries, he ensured his place in history as one of Europe's great generals. He served first as a page at the court of the House of Stuart under James, Duke of York, through the 1670s and early 1680s, earning military and political advancement through his courage and diplomatic skill. Painted circa 1700, portrayed in armor and a magnificent crimson and ermine trimmed cloak, holding a baton of command, his heroic visage suitably reflects his wealth and status. The gold badge of the Most Noble Order of the Garter is worn suspended from a small...

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