

SA773082

A 17th century portrait of John Selden.

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Item Reference: SA773082

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 37 cm (14.6")

Width = 32 cm (12.6")

Depth = 4.5 cm (1.8")

Description

A small 17th century oil on oak panel of John Selden circle of the artist sir Peter Lely 1618 - 1680. The portrait is of exceptional quality and shows Selden in his prime. Interestingly this painting is identical to an engraving in the national portrait gallery by Robert Hart 1835 and inscribed - Selden - From a picture attributed to sir peter lely in the Bodleian library, Oxford. Although the portrait of Selden in the Bodleian library is a well executed portrait and is of the same composition, there are a number of significant differences to proportions and the finer details. The portrait in the Bodleian library is a oval portrait in a rectangular frame, where as this portrait is painted on a rectangular oak board of which is a near match to the measurements of the engraving. This oil on panel measures 10 1/4 x 8 1/2 inches , the engraving measures 10 3/4 x 7 1/4 inches ,the portrait in the Bodleian library measures 20 3/4 x 17 1/4 inches which is considerably larger. Is it possible that Lely painted another version of this portrait and this is the original that the engraving was copied from? The painting has some minor marks and losses to the varnish but over ...

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