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Portrait of Captain James
Moneypenny (1670-1721)
c.1715; by Thomas Gibson
(c.1680-1751), Antique oil on
canvas

Price

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Item Reference: SA837119

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 141 cm (55.5")

Width = 118 cm (46.5")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This exquisite portrait descended through the ancient Moneypenny family for over 300 years. The ancestral seat of the family was Pitmillly House in Scotland, and they have been associated there for over 800 years, when Thomas, Prior of St Andrews, granted a charter of the lands of Pitmillly to Richard Monipennie in 1211. The current baron is the 29th generation of the family. This portrait was part of a significant family collection of portraits which, extraordinarily, remained together with the family until recent; it a superb example of English portraiture. Our sitter is James Monypenny, the son of Arthur Monypenny. He married Mary Gybbon (1685-1756) in 1714 and the couple had five children. James Moneypenny was the nineteenth generation of that family. In 1697 he was Lieutenant in the Royal Navy, and in 1704 he was a Captain at the Capture of Gibraltar, Battle of Malaga, and Battle of Marbella. He was also Captain of the ship *Superb* from 1710 to 1714 and Captain of the ship *The Royal Oak* in 1715. He purchased the ancient Maytham Estate and commenced building Maytham Hall in 1714. Captain James Moneypenny while in command of HMS *Superb* in the western Mediterranean...

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