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Portrait of Capt. James Monypenny, R.N. 1702, by Michael Dahl.

Price

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Item Reference: SA840681

Date of manufacture: 1700

Dimensions

Height = 90 cm (35.4")

Width = 80 cm (31.5")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

Oil on canvas in a period giltwood Maratta frame. This fine portrait descended through the ancient Monypenny family for over 300 years. The ancestral seat of the family was Pitmilley House in Scotland, and they have been associated with it for over 800 years, when Thomas, Prior of St Andrews, granted a charter of the lands of Pitmilley 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 recently. The sitter is Captain James Monypenny, the son of Arthur Monypenny. He married Mary Gybbon (1685–1756), daughter of John Gybbon, on 31 May 1714. James Moneyppenny 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 HMS Superb from 1710 to 1714 and Captain of the ship The Royal Oak in 1715. Between September and November 1711 he captured four French ships engaged in the Levant trade. The resulting prize money formed the basis of his fortune. He pu...

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