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Portrait of Captain Cecil Alfred Tufton Otway (1845-1884)
c.1877; Signed Margaret Thomas (1842-1929), Antique oil on canvas painting

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Item Reference: SA851673

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 150.5 cm (59.3")

Width = 120.5 cm (47.4")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

This striking grand scale portrait depicts Captain Cecil Tufton Otway, an army Captain, High Sheriff of Radnorshire in 1881 (when he resided at Newcastle Court), and a Politician. Born Cecil Alfred Otway in Bognor, Sussex, England in 1845, he was the eldest son of William John Marjoribanks Loftus-Otway of Otway Towers, Hertfordshire, and Georgiana Frances. The sitter has been depicted in the uniform of the Life Guards – a scarlet tunic, a metal cuirass and a matching helmet with a white plume worn bound on the top into an 'onion' shape – for which he was Captain of the 2nd Life Guards (the senior regiment of the British Army and part of the Household Cavalry, along with the Blues and Royals) prior to December 1880. The sitter married Isabelle Hubertine Emma Caroline Le Clement de Taintegnies in 1870 and they had one son together. Cecil was living in London by 1871 and his surname changed to Otway around 1873 (as his father changed his surname by Royal Decree to Otway). He then married his second wife Margaret Abernethie McGregor Gordon (1855-1925) in Hanover, Jamaica in 1876 and the couple had one daughter, Ayliffe Tufton Otway (1877-1928) whilst they lived in London...

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