

SA855280

XVIIIth century Miniature Silhouette of an Admiral in the Royal Navy

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA855280****Date of manufacture: Georgian**

Dimensions

Height = 12.5 cm (4.9")

Width = 11 cm (4.3")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

A striking silhouette of a British Admiral in the late XVIIIth century. This gilded silhouette is encased in an original wooden frame which has recently been re-backed. The whole piece is in good condition - just a few light surface marks to the frame as is to be expected with such a great age as this antique miniature silhouette is over two hundred years old. It is a beautiful miniature of an Admiral in the British Royal Navy wearing full dress uniform plus his sash of the Order of the Bath. It is strongly believed to be Admiral Sir James Gambier (born in 1756, died in 1833). Later promoted to be Admiral of the Fleet Baron Gambier, Grand Knight Commander of the Bath (GCB), and First Sea Lord. He was the then professional head of the Royal Navy. He and his wife, Louisa, had no children so it is safe to assume that this very precious miniature would have been carried everywhere by Lady Gambier until her own death. As a young sea going Officer aged 24 he had seen action during the American Revolutionary War against the British, and was present in 1780 at the Siege and Capture of CHARLESTON in South Carolina by the Royal Navy and the British Army. Incredibly...

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