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Price

GBP 1,500

| USD \$2,030 | EUR 1,755

Item Reference: SA868396**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 35 cm (13.8")

Width = 30.5 cm (12.0")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

Attributed to Sir Thomas Lawrence, PRA, 1769 - 1830 Portrait of John Philpot Curran , 1750-1817 Irish orator, politician, wit, lawyer & judge oil on panel John Philpot Curran (24 July 1750 – 14 October 1817) was an Irish orator, politician, wit, lawyer and judge, who held the office of Master of the Rolls in Ireland. He was renowned for his representation in 1780 of Father Neale, a Catholic priest horsewhipped by the Anglo-Irish Lord, Viscount Doneraile, and in the 1790s for his defence of United Irishmen facing capital charges of sedition and treason. His courtroom speeches were widely admired. Lord Byron was to say of Curran, "I have heard that man speak more poetry than I have seen written". Karl Marx described him as the greatest "people's advocate" of the eighteenth century. Born in Newmarket, County Cork, he was the eldest of five children of James Curran, seneschal of the Newmarket manor court, and Sarah, née Philpot. The Curran family were said to have originally been named Curwen, their ancestor having come from Cumberland as a soldier under Cromwell during the Cromwellian Conquest of Ireland and have originally settled in County Londonderry. Curran's grandfa...

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