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Portrait of Prince James Stuart as a child; after Van Dyck.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA924690****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 65 cm (25.6")

Width = 54.5 cm (21.5")

Depth = 4.5 cm (1.8")

Description

Oil on canvas in a fine Florentine giltwood frame. The Three Eldest Children of Charles I was painted by Van Dyck in 1635, this charming portrait of one of those children, the two year old Prince James, dates from the late 19th century. JAMES II (1633 – 1701) was King of England and Ireland as James II, and King of Scotland as James VII from the death of his elder brother, Charles II, on 6 February 1685. He was deposed in the Glorious Revolution of 1688. He was the last Catholic monarch of England, Scotland, and Ireland. His reign is now remembered primarily for conflicts over religious tolerance, but it also involved struggles over the principles of absolutism and the divine right of kings. His deposition ended a century of political and civil strife in England by confirming the primacy of the English Parliament over the Crown. James inherited the thrones of England, Ireland, and Scotland from his brother with widespread support in all three countries, largely because the principles of eligibility based on divine right and birth were widely accepted. Tolerance of his personal Catholicism did not extend to tolerance of Catholicism in general, and the English and Scottish...

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