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Ramsay Richard Reinagle RA  
1775 – 1862  
Portrait of Arthur Wellesley, 1st  
Duke of Wellington, KG, GCB,  
GCH, PC, FRS (1769 – 1852)

Price

**GBP 2,500**

| USD \$3,385 | EUR 2,925

**Item Reference: SA937893**

**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 55.9 cm (22.0")

Width = 43.2 cm (17.0")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

## Description

Ramsay Richard Reinagle RA 1775 – 1862 Portrait of Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington, KG, GCB, GCH, PC, FRS (1769 – 1852) oil on panel 55.88 x 43.18 cm. Wellington was raised to the Peerage in 1809 and he attended the House of Lords all his life right up to his last year. In 1817, eleven years before he became Prime Minister, the Duke of Wellington remarked, 'Nobody cares a damn for the House of Lords; the House of Commons is everything in England and the House of Lords nothing'. Events leading to the passage of the 1832 Reform Act appeared to confirm Wellington's view, bringing down his government, with the Lords eventually forced to yield to the Lower House to pass the Act. Yet Wellington noted in a more reflective mood in 1835 that 'the House of Lords still constitutionally possesses great power over the legislation of the country'. In 1850 he stood godfather to the third of the queen's sons, and he was painted in 1851 in the well-known group by Winterhalter with his godson, the queen, and Prince Albert, and the exhibition building in the background. This portrait was painted in the same year. He was a frequent visitor to the Great Exhibition of 1851, and...

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