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**Portrait of Sir Matthew Dudley
2nd Baronet of Clopton c.1675;
Attributed to John Greenhill
(c.1642-1676), Antique Oil On
Canvas Painting**

Price

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Item Reference: SA956689

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 147 cm (57.9")

Width = 123 cm (48.4")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This exquisite work depicts Sir Matthew Dudley, 2nd Baronet (1661-1721) - it was painted by one of the most talented artists working in England during the last half of the 17th century, John Greenhill. Greenhill was at the centre of the artistic scene in London and his achievements may have surpassed even that of Sir Peter Lely - England's dominant artist at the time - had his life not been cut short when he was barely in his thirties. In fact, George Vertue claimed that Lely was jealous of Greenhill's ability and that Greenhill was "the most excellent" painter. This portrait was once in the collection of Sir Herbert Henry Raphael, 1st Baronet (1859-1924) - politician and trustee of the National Portrait Gallery, and in recent times it was in the collection of Sir Elton John. The Dudley family originally descended from the Paganells who soon after the Conquest became barons of Dudley. Our sitter was the oldest son of Sir William Dudley, 1st Bt. of Clopton (1607-1670), who had been rewarded with a baronetcy at the Restoration for services to the Royalist cause, a distinction which elevated the family to the forefront of the Northamptonshire gentry. Sir Matthew married Lad...

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