

SA957538

English School 19th Century
Portrait of Lieutenant-General
Sir John Harvey, KCB KCH
1778 – 1852

Price

GBP 4,500

| USD \$6,089 | EUR 5,265

Item Reference: SA957538**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 44 cm (17.3")

Width = 33 cm (13.0")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

English School 19th Century Portrait of Lieutenant-General Sir John Harvey, KCB KCH 1778 – 1852 oil on canvas 43 x 33 cm. Sir JOHN HARVEY, army officer and colonial administrator; b. 23 April 1778 in England; m. 16 June 1806 Lady Elizabeth Lake, and they had five sons and one daughter; d. 22 March 1852 in Halifax. Unlike most of his contemporaries in the higher ranks of the British army and the colonial service, John Harvey was not born to the purple; he described himself as the child of an obscure Church of England clergyman of modest means who had persuaded William Pitt the younger to give his son a commission in the army. On 10 Sept. 1794 Harvey became an ensign in the 80th Foot. He was fortunate. The regiment had been raised by Henry William Paget, the future Marquess of Anglesey, a distinguished cavalry officer whose family was part of a widespread and influential military network to which Harvey was to owe much of his future advancement. Yet because he lacked the private resources that would have enabled him to rise through the ranks by purchase, Harvey's progress was slow and was achieved primarily by hard work, talent, and that quality most prized in the 18th-ce...

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