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Henry William Pickersgill
1782-1875
**PORTRAIT OF JEAN LEOPOLD
NICOLAS FREDERIC, BARON
CUVIER 1769-1832**

Price

GBP 6,500

| USD \$8,796 | EUR 7,606

Item Reference: SA957540**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 138 cm (54.3")

Width = 106 cm (41.7")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

Henry William Pickersgill 1782-1875 PORTRAIT OF JEAN LEOPOLD NICOLAS FREDERIC, BARON CUVIER 1769-1832 oil on canvas 138 x 106 cm. The sitter wears The Wurttemberg Order of The Crown and the Order for the Grand Officer of the Légion d'Honneur Literature There is a drawing and watercolour study for this portrait in the Wellcome Trust collection dated 1831 , ref 2320i Notes Jean Léopold Nicolas Frédéric, Baron Cuvier (1769 –1832), known as Georges Cuvier, was a French naturalist and zoologist, sometimes referred to as the "founding father of paleontology". Cuvier was a major figure in natural sciences research in the early 19th century and was instrumental in establishing the fields of comparative anatomy and paleontology through his work in comparing living animals with fossils. Cuvier's work is considered the foundation of vertebrate paleontology, and he expanded Linnaean taxonomy by grouping classes into phyla and incorporating both fossils and living species into the classification. Cuvier is also known for establishing extinction as a fact—at the time, extinction was considered by many of Cuvier's contemporaries to be merely controversial speculation. In his Essay...

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