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Portrait of a Gentleman,
Townsend Andrews c.1725;
Circle of Thomas Hudson
(1701-1779), Antique oil on
canvas painting

Price

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Item Reference: SA973448

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 144 cm (56.7")

Width = 119 cm (46.9")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This striking portrait is an exquisite example of the English eighteenth century Grand Manner portrait. The dashing young gentleman is Townsend Andrews, a British politician who sat in the House of Commons from 1727 to 1737. Born in 1702, he was the eldest son of Thomas Andrews of Highgate and his wife Sarah Townsend. In 1717 he was educated at the notorious Merchant Taylors' School, which is a boys school founded in 1561 in London (still in operation today) – it had a reputation for scholarship and consequent chance of a university education and as such it attracted parents from all over the country. According to Cambridge University Alumni (1261-1900) he attended Clare College, Cambridge in 1719. Soon after he attended the Inner Temple. He succeeded his father around 1721 and to the estates of his maternal grandfather, John Townsend, at Tytherton Lucas and elsewhere in Wiltshire in 1725. A marriage Bond exists, dated 24th Feb 1729, between Townsend and Catherine Gibson (1712-1785), daughter of Thomas Gibson. The couple had four children before Townsend died as a young father on 6th May 1737 at Bossiney, Cornwall, England and was buried eight days later at St M...

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