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SOLD....Portrait of Henri de la Tour d'Auvergne, Vicomte de Turenne c.1670; Attributed to Claude Lefevre

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Item Reference: SA99203

Date of manufacture: Before 1700

Description

Oil on canvas in good quality 17th century carved and giltwood frame. A fine portrait with a real sense of understanding of character to the sitter, and exquisite detailing to the beautiful lace and gilded decoration to the armour, which depicts symbols from Turenne's coat of arms...the tower and blazon of Auvergne and the lilies of France. Turenne wears the Bourbon white silk sash of command tied in a huge bow on his right shoulder. A print version of this portrait was created by the famous engraver Robert Nanteuil (1623 or 1630 – 1678). HENRI DE LA TOUR D'AUVERGNE, Vicomte de Turenne, often called simply Turenne (11 September 1611, Sedan, Ardennes – 27 July 1675) was the most illustrious member of the La Tour d'Auvergne family. He achieved military fame and became a Marshal of France. He was one of six marshals who have been made Marshal General of France. His father, the Duke of Bouillon and Viscount de Turenne, was an ardent French Protestant, a scholar, and diplomat with close ties to the French royal court. He gained possession of an independent duchy called Sedan, near Verdun, from an advantageous first marriage. In 1602, widowed a year, the Duke married Eliza...

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