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Miniature Portrait of Lady Godolphin by Jeremiah Steele

Price

GBP 725

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Item Reference: SA999945

Date of manufacture: Regency

Dimensions

Height = 16.6 cm (6.5")

Width = 14.8 cm (5.8")

Description

When this engaging portrait was painted in 1804, Elizabeth Charlotte was 24 years old and, having made a good marriage, was already the mother of three children. She was the third of sixteen children born to the 1st Lord Auckland and his long-suffering wife Eleanor Elliot - what a busy household that must have been! Still legally considered a minor at the age of 20 but with her father's permission, she married Francis Godolphin Osborne, later to become Lord Godolphin, in March 1800. * Francis and Charlotte had four sons and a daughter. The Godolphin Osbornes were wealthy, their money mostly coming from their estates and property across England, Scotland and Wales. They also had a lucrative stake in Cornish tin mines. In his role as an elected MP, Francis was a reformer supporting relief for the poor and the abolition of slavery. The family's main home was the wonderfully named Gog Magog Hall near Cambridge. When the first national Census was taken in 1841, it was here that 60-year-old Lady Godolphin was residing (though her husband was elsewhere) with eleven staff in attendance; the gamekeeper and his family lived next door at the lodge. * When Lady Godolphin died after a...

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