

Fine Art / Wednesday, 17th May 2023 / Lot 7



### LOT 7

Thomas Lawrence - Three-quarter Length Portrait of Willoughby Legh (1749-1824) of Norbury Booths Hall, Cheshire, seated at a Table, oil on canvas, circa 1805, 125cm x 101cm, within a gilt composition frame.

Provenance: the property of Michael Godfrey. A reference in the Coutts list records a price of £84 for a portrait of 'Mr Legh' and may refer to this painting; recorded in an inventory at Norbury Booths Hall in 1907; property of a lady, sale, Christie's, 16th April 1982, lot no. 92; Christie's, 3rd April 1987, lot no. 125; Christie's, 24th July 1987, lot no. 210.

References: Kenneth Garlick, 'Sir Thomas Lawrence: A Complete Catalogue of the Oil Paintings', illustrated as cat no. 478, p.222.

Estimate: £2,000 - £4,000

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### Condition Report

7. Relined, cleaned and restored. Some bitumen in the dark areas with associated separation. Minor subsequent surface dirt. UV examination highlights areas of overpainting, predominantly to the chair, but touches throughout including the face. The old varnish has started to bloom in places. The frame is in good, but restored, condition.

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