

Elizabeth Viscountess Galway (1759- 1801) in white dress and matching turban

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Short Description

Signed on the obverse and dated 180(3)?, set in gold frame, plaited hair and glazed reverse, decorated with monograms EG and CEM and a plate, inscribed: Elizabeth Viscountess Galway, Obt. 19 Nov.r 1801. at 41

Elizabeth Monckton-Arundell (Mathew) was the daughter of Daniel Mathew, Esq and Mary Bryam. She was the first wife of Robert Monckton-Arundell, 4th Viscount Galway, who she married in 1779 aged 19. Robert Galway was appointed a Privy Councillor in 1784, and was Comptroller of the Household from 1784 to 1787. The 4th Viscount was notorious for his drinking habits, and was estranged from his first wife. He married 2ndly in 1803 Bridget (d 1835), daughter of Pemberton Milnes of Wakefield, Yorkshire, and widow of Peter Auriol Hay-Drummond.

The monograms on the reverse EG refers to the sitter Elizabeth Galway and her daughter -in law, Catherine Elizabeth Monckton, who married the sitter's son, William George Monckton, 5th Viscount Galway. This miniature is likely to have been painted to celebrate and commemorate the life of Elizabeth, who died at a young age, in 1801. It appears to be dated 1803 which suggests that it was taken from an earlier existing portrait. Perhaps it was the sitter's son, William, who commissioned it, which account for his wife's monogram being placed underneath those of his mother's.

More Information

Year	180(3)?
Provenance	The Estate of Mary, Duchess of Roxburghe
Condition	Good