

John Belsches of Invermay (b. 1743), circa 1786

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Short Description

We thank Christopher Bryant for suggesting that the sitter is wearing the uniform of the 3rd Prince of Wales's Dragoon Guards and probably depicts John Belsches of Invermay (born 1743).

In Richard Crosse's ledger a Mr. Belcher is recorded as having had his portrait taken on 21 March 1786. The surname of Belcher in England, from a similarity in the arms, is supposed to be the same as that of Belsches. According to Mr. Mark Antony Lower, the former is derived from the old French words Bel chers, 'good company.'

The 3rd (Prince of Wales's) Dragoon Guards was a cavalry regiment in the British Army, first raised in 1685 as the Earl of Plymouth's Regiment of Horse. It was renamed as the 3rd Regiment of Dragoon Guards in 1751 and the 3rd (Prince of Wales's) Dragoon Guards in 1765.

More Information

Provenance

Two Great Scottish Collections: Property from the Forbeses of Pitsligo and the Marquesses of Lothian