
Lieutenant Sir Richard McQuire, of the 61st Foot (South Gloucestershire Regiment)

£4,500

REF: 5300

Height: 6.9 cm (2 3/4")



Short Description

Wearing scarlet coat with black facings, gold epaulette, black stock and frilled white cravat
Set in a gold frame with blue glass reverse

Lieutenant Sir Richard McGuire served as ensign in the 61st Foot (28th February 1785) and lieutenant of the 64th Foot (31st July, 1789). He was knighted on the 14th May, 1785, being dubbed in Dublin by the Duke of Rutland

"as a mark of approbation for his undaunted courage and enterprising spirit in going up in the Balloon".

Richard Crosby had planned to cross the Irish sea in a balloon during the summer of 1795 but unfortunately he turned out to be too heavy for the journey and so the less-experienced (but presumably lighter) Richard McGuire took his place. Having only just managed to avoid hitting a chimney after take-off, the balloon fell into the Irish Sea nine miles from the coast of Holyhead. Both the balloon and McGuire were rescued and the latter was subsequently knighted by the Lord Lieutenant

More Information

Year	Circa 1790
Medium	watercolour on ivory
Provenance	Sotheby's, London, 11th March 1985 Albion Collection, Bonhams, 22nd April, 2004, lot 121
Exhibition	Scottish National Portrait Gallery, 2000-2003
Condition	Good