
A Regency portrait miniature of Captain Thomas Henry Duthie in the uniform of the 72nd Duke of Albany's own Highlanders (later the Seaforth Highlanders)

£3,500

REF: 5135

Height: 11.4 cm (4 1/2")



Short Description

scarlet coat with silver wings, yellow facings and tartan plaid sash, a citrine set dirk at his waist
In a gilt-metal mount

Captain Thomas Henry Duthie (6 June 1806 - 13 October 1857) was a Scottish member of the 72nd Highlanders who arrived in Cape Town, South Africa in 1826 and was stationed at the Castle of Good Hope. As a lieutenant he visited Melkhout Kraal in 1830 and fell in love with Caroline Rex, daughter of George Rex (the possible son of George III and Hannah Lightfoot). In 1833 Thomas and Caroline married and in 1834 he built Belvidere House at Knysna. He left the army and returned to England on a short trip. He died in Knysna in 1857.

The Duthies hosted many a traveller and scientist of note at Belvidere House, like the German Christian Ferdinand Friedrich Krauss. Captain Duthie was also appointed Inspector of Crown Forest and lands.

More Information

Year	1828.
Medium	watercolour on ivory,
Signed	Signed dated and inscribed on reverse 13 Hart Street Edin. 1828/ Painted by the late/ William Douglas/ Miniature Painter to his/ Royal Highness Prince Leopold/ and her late Royal Highness/ Princess Charlotte of Wales/ for Scotland
Provenance	By Family descent, thence to the current owner
Condition	Good