

Collectors' Items, Works of Art and Light Fittings / Thursday, 20th March 2025 / Lot 2587



### LOT 2587

Francis Leggatt Chantrey (1781-1841) - 'Rt. Hon. Spencer Perceval', an early 19th century carved white marble head and shoulders portrait bust of the British statesman and barrister, who became Prime Minister of the United Kingdom in 1809 until his assassination in 1812, the reverse inscribed 'Rt. Hon. Spencer Perceval Born 1st Novr 1762 and Fell on the 11th of May 1812. Chantrey Sc. 1828', raised on a socle base, height 67cm (damage and loss to base).

Estimate: £800 - £1,200

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### Condition Report

2587. Clearly the base section has considerable damage and loss to one side and the marble has spent a lot of time outside. It has an overall green lichen build-up to its surface and we would suggest some overall light surface pitting, but difficult to say what the surface would look like when its cleaned off.

Provenance: consigned by a relatively local vendor who has had a direct connection with the son of the artist Edward Halliday. Edward Halliday, the renowned portrait artist, collected various portrait busts and in-fact gifted one to the Houses of Parliament. This bust has been housed previously at the St John's Wood property of Edward Halliday and passed down to the current vendor.

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