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George III Mezzotint of The Honourable Charles James Fox

£350

A full-length portrait showing a rosy-faced Charles James Fox standing to right, speaking, with one hand at his breast and gesturing outwards with his hat in the other hand, looking ahead, wearing a dark blue suit with one coat button fastened at the breast and white cravat; on a table draped with a red cloth stands an open book and inkstand beside him to left; paper on the wall behind to left reading 'State of the Pole July 15. Mr,, Fox ... 2673 / Lord Gardner .. 2434 / Mr,, Graham ... 1691'. Presented in the original Hogarth frame

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Height: 41 cm (16 inches) framed
Width: 30.5 cm (12 inches) framed
Year: English. 1803



Charles James Fox (1749-1806)

Charles James Fox was a radical Whig politician; his opposition to the power of the monarchy meant that he was out of favour with George III, and consequently allied to the Prince of Wales (the future George IV). Held office only briefly, as foreign secretary in Rockingham's short-lived government of 1782, and as secretary of state in the Duke of Portland's government of 1783-84. Supported the French Revolution in 1789, but by 1804 was instrumental in bringing down the government of Addington who had failed either to preserve the peace or to prepare for Napoleon's threat of invasion.

Another example of the present mezzotint is in the collection of the British Museum, number 2010,7081.737