

Choice of Hercules by Paolo de Matteis

Acquisition at auction of, Paolo de Matteis (1662-1728) painting 'The Choice of Hercules' painted for the Third Earl of Shaftesbury in Naples in 1712. Reframed circa 1765 in a spectacular English rococo frame in the manner of Henry Flitcroft. The painting hung in St Giles House in Dorset until it was put up for auction in June 1980.

Region

South East England

Grant awarded

£5,000

Year awarded

1980