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John St Helier Lander (1868-1944)

'Midshipman Porter'

Oil on board. 29x35 inches. Signed.

**£8750**

Cecil Theodore Porter (b.1901) was the son of Herbert Porter, Secretary of Consolidated Gold Fields of South Africa Ltd and grew up in affluent Edwardian Guildford. He appears on the Navy List as Midshipman in 1917 and records show him 'Crossing the Line' on HMS New Zealand in 1919. He became a stockbroker during the 1920s and rejoined the Navy as Acting Temporary Lieutenant Commander in 1940. Having been a Naval Assistant in the Second Sea Lord's Office he served in on HMS Wasp (1942) and from 1943-45 on HMS Gosling.