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CONTINENTAL SCHOOL (17th century)

Portrait miniature of a Nobleman wearing 'Ottoman' clothing; a red cloak with black fur trim, a gold embroidered jacket, and a white headdress decorated with pearls and a black feather

Circa: 17th century

Oil on copper

Oval, 80 mm (3 ⅛ in) high

This portrait possibly shows a diplomat in the Ottoman Empire. His rich attire and long moustache ape the magnificent dress of a Sultan.

The sitter's outfit is not only culturally significant but also luxurious. The fur used to trim his jacket, and the feather (likely that of an Ostrich) upon his headdress display great wealth and well-travelled lifestyle.