



Antique Vanity Fair Print, H.H. the Maharaja of Patiala, Sir Rajinder
Singh GCSI. C. 1900

Vanity Fair

Sold



REF: 27513

Height: 34.5 cm (13.6")

Width: 19.5 cm (7.7")

Framed Height: 50.5 cm (19.9")

Framed Width: 36 cm (14.2")

Description

Vanity Fair Polo Print "Patiala".

A framed chromolithograph polo print published Jany. 4th 1900, by Vincent Brooks, Day & Son Ltd. Lith., for Vanity Fair. The Vanity Fair Polo caricature is titled 'Patiala' by the artist 'MR' and is an original print of H.H. the Maharaja of Patiala, Sir Rajinder Singh GCSI.

Maharaja Sir Rajinder Singh GCSI (25 May 1872 - 8 November 1900) was a Maharaja of the princely state of Patiala from 1876 to 1900. In 1897, he was awarded the Grand Cross of the Star of India for his bravery, by the colonial government. Described as "the first reigning Prince to blend the elements of the English gentleman and Indian potentate."

In the 1870s, he became one of the first Indians to own a car, a French De Dion-Bouton and in 1892, became the first man in India (and largely the world at the time) to own an aircraft.

Singh died following a riding accident. He was known for playing polo, cricket, field hockey and English billiards. The maharaja had a total of 365 wives, and defied his subjects and the British government when he married Florence Bryan, the daughter of his Irish horse master, persuading her to convert to the Sikh faith. He was a close friend of William Beresford and of Frederick Roberts. The Irish composer Thomas O'Brien Butler (1861-1915), who spent some time in India, dedicated a song composition to him.

He was the son of Maharaja Mahendra Singh of Patiala, a member of the Phulkian Dynasty. One of his sons was Maharaja Sir Bhupinder Singh.

One of his sons was Rao Raja Birinder Singh of Patiala.

Most Exalted Order of the Star of India

The Most Exalted Order of the Star of India is an order of chivalry founded by Queen Victoria in 1861. The Order includes members of three classes (regardless of gender):

Knight Grand Commander (GCSI)

Knight Commander (KCSI)

Companion (CSI)

Taken from Wikipedia.