

Looking towards Inverary Castle, Loch Fyne

William Callow

Sold



Description

William Callow, R.W.S. (1812-1908)
Looking towards Inverary Castle, Loch Fyne

Signed in ink lower left: W Callow, further inscribed and dated in pencil, lower left: Inverary Castle/...27 '49
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Watercolour over pencil
24.7 by 34.6 cm., 9 ³/₄ by 13 ⁵/₈ in.

Provenance:
G.G. Knowles, Esq;
Appleby Brothers, London;
Anonymous sale, Sotheby's, 16th March 1978, where bought by the present owner

This on-the-spot sketch dates from Callow's tour of Scotland in the summer of 1849. Inverary Castle is the seat of the Dukes of Argyll. Callow recalls in his diary: 'In 1849 I made a sketching tour in the west of Scotland, arriving at Glasgow whilst the Queen and Prince Albert were there, and afterwards visiting the Kyles of Bute and Inverary, where my wife and I stayed for a month in most primitive but comfortable quarters, being waited up on by a maid without shoes or stockings' (see William Callow R.W.S. F.R.G.S. - An Autobiography, edited by H.M. Cundall, 1908, p. 104). Another view of Inverary from the same tour, dated 10th September 1849, was with Guy Peppiatt Fine Art in 2022 (see summer catalogue, no.59). Callow exhibited two views of Inverary Castle at the Society of Painters in Watercolours in 1850.