A Bailiff and an Attorney - a match for the Devil

Robert Dighton



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Description

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Robert Dighton (1752-1814)
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Signed and inscribed along the bottom of the sheet: Dighton del./A Bailiff and an attorney/a match for the Devil-/627
Pen and ink and watercolour
35.2 by 25.6 cm., 13 ¾ by 10 in.

Provenance:
Henry Carington Bowles (1763-1830);
By descent in the Carington Bowles family until sold, Sotheby's, 30th April 1952, bt. Sabin;
Jeffrey Rose, his Executor's sale, Sotheby's, 23rd February 1978, lot 67;
Anonymous sale, Christie's 7th April 1992, lot 127;
Private Collection until 2024

Literature:
Dennis Rose, Life, Times and Recorded Works by Robert Dighton (1752-1814) - Actor, Artist and Printseller, 1981, p.76, ill.

Engraved:
By Bowles and Carver, circa 1792

The son of a London printseller, Dighton was a man of many talents - caricaturist, actor, writer and singer. He is best known for his satirical portraits which he exhibited at the Free Society and the Royal Academy. His sons Richard and Joshua also became caricaturists.

Henry Carington Bowles, a publisher and bookseller, owned a large collection of original works by Dighton which were sold by his descendants at Sotheby's in 1952.

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