# A Figure resting in a ruined Tower

John Sell Cotman

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John Sell Cotman (1782-1842)
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Signed lower left: J.S. Cotman
Pencil
28.4 by 21 cm., 11 by 8 in.

Provenance:
Basil Taylor (1922-1975);
With Ackermann and Johnson, where bought by the present owners

Architecture is central to Cotman's work and in particular the looming, isolated tower, standing in a landscape, seems to have particularly engaged the artist throughout his career. Here the atmosphere of the ruined tower, framing the seated figure is overtly romantic.

This drawing was formerly in the collection of one of the most eminent scholars of British art, Basil Taylor, who wrote widely on the subject and is regarded as being responsible for encouraging the great American collector, Paul Mellon's interest in British art.


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