

Inner Harbour, Margate

John Rubens Smith

Sold



Description

John Rubens Smith (1775-1849)
The Inner Harbour, Margate

Signed on log lower centre: J.R. Smith Jun/1803
Watercolour over pencil
26.4 by 60.7 cm., 10 ¼ by 23 ¾ in.

Provenance:
With Berry-Hill Galleries, New York

Margate became a fashionable seaside resort during the 18th century and the small town underwent a rapid building programme to accommodate its newfound status. The present watercolours show the seafront of Margate following the 1787 Act of Parliament, which allowed the rebuilding of the harbour walls in stone, but before the rapid development of the town during the 19th century and before the 1120ft Jarvis' Jetty was built between 1823-4.