Doe Castle, Co. Donegal, Ireland

John Varley

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Description

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Signed verso: General Harts Castle/Ireland/J. Varley
Watercolour over pencil heightened with bodycolour and gum arabic
14.2 by 20.4 cm., 5 ½ by 8 in.

Provenance:
Sir Charles Forbes, 1st Bt. (1774-1849);
Spetchley Park, Worcestershire

Exhibited:
London, Society of Painters in Water-colours, 1825, no.135, bt. Sir Charles Forbes, Surrey Square, for 4 guineas

Doe Castle stands near Creeslough in County Donegal. The castle was probably built by the O'Donnell family in the early fifteenth century but by the 1440s it belonged to the MacSweeney family. The castle changed hands repeatedly in the seventeenth century during the Anglo-Irish wars for the control of Ireland. Eventually the castle was bought by the English army officer General George Vaughan Hart (1752-1832) and it remained in his family until 1843.

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