The Outer Colonnade of the Colosseum, Rome

Thomas Hartley Cromek

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Description

Thomas Hartley Cromek (1809-1873)
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Signed lower centre: T.H. Cromek Rome 1848
With a pencil drawing of an Italian villa verso
Watercolour over pencil heightened with bodycolour
36.7 by 29.2 cm., 14 1/4 by 11 1/2 in.

Provenance:
Anonymous sale, Christie's, 24th March 1987, lot 140;
By descent until 2022

Cromek was born in London, the son of an engraver, and was apprenticed to a portrait painter in Wakefield, Yorkshire. He soon turned to landscape and lived and worked on the Continent, mainly Rome, from 1831 to 1849. He built up a successful teaching there but was forced to return home in 1849 by Garibaldi's attack on Rome.

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