A Street, Leipzig

Thomas Shotter Boys

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Description

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Signed lower right: Leipzig/Thos Boys 1860.
Watercolour over pencil heightened with bodycolour and stopping out
44.9 by 35.1 cm.,17 ½ by 13 ¾ in.

Provenance:
Anonymous sale, Christie's, 14th July 1987, lot 233;
With Spinks, London, where bought by the present owner

Exhibited:
London, Fine Art Society, April 1962, no.94
This is a view of Leipzig's Old Town Hall clock tower, painted from Katharinen Strasse looking towards the old market square. Although the old town hall building dates from the 16th century, the clock tower, with its distinctive Baroque dome was built in the 18th century. The building beyond the tower still stands, overlooking the market square. Built during the 17th century, it is known as the Kings House, as it was used as accommodation by Czar Peter the Great, August the Strong and Frederick the Great. Only one of the buildings in the foreground still stands, the rest were destroyed during World War II.
Boys visited Leipzig in 1846. A watercolour of Leipzig dated that year was sold at Christie's on 8th July 1955, lot 50. Another view of Leipzig showing the same clock tower from a different angle is dated 1857 and recorded in a private collection (see James Roundell, Thomas Shotter Boys, 1974, pl.99).

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