The Palace of Sans Souci, Potsdam, Germany

William Callow

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Description

William Callow R.W.S. (1812-1908)
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Inscribed San Souci/Sketched with/the Princess of Prussia/Sept 23 1874, lower left
Further inscribed verso: Sans Souci/Sketched with the Crown Princess of Prussia/later/The Empress Frederick/William Callow RWS 1874
Watercolour and pencil
25.3 by 17.7 cm., 10 by 7 in.

Provenance:
With Thomas Agnew & Sons, London (no. 28995), 1968;
With Thomas Agnew & Sons, London, 1977;
Private Collection until 2022

Literature:
Jan Reynolds, William Callow, 1980, ill. no.89

Exhibited:
London, Thomas Agnew & Sons, 95th Annual Exhibition of Watercolours, 1968, no 152

Sans Souci is a summer palace built by Frederick the Great at Potsdam near Berlin between 1745 and 1747 in the Rococo style. Callow visited the palace during this German tour in the late summer of 1874. On his arrival in Berlin he received a telegram from the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany asking him to visit them at Potsdam the following morning. They spent the day sketching together and afterwards the Princess showed Callow some of her works and they dined together. At Christmas 1875 the Crown Princess sent Callow some of her chromolithographic views of the Neues Palais and Sans Souci.

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