Beech Trees, Inverary, 26th September 1849

William Callow

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Description

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Signed lower left and inscribed: Beech Trees/Inverary/Septr 26 - 1849
Watercolour over pencil
18.3 by 36.3 cm., 7 ¼ by 14 ¼ in.

Provenance:
With the Walker Galleries, 1950s;
With the Ruskin Gallery, Stratford-upon-Avon

This on-the-spot sketch dates from Callow's tour of Scotland in the summer of 1849. Inverary Castle is the seat of the Dukes of Argyll. Callow recalls in his diary: 'In 1849 I made a sketching tour in the west of Scotland, arriving at Glasgow whilst the Queen and Prince Albert were there, and afterwards visiting the Kyles of Bute and Inverary,
where my wife and I stayed for a month in most primitive but comfortable quarters, being waited up on by a maid without shoes or stockings' (see William Callow R.W.S. F.R.G.S. - An Autobiography, edited by H.M. Cundall, 1908, p. 104). Another view of Inverary from the same tour, dated 10th September 1849, was with Guy Peppiatt Fine Art in 2022 (see summer catalogue, no.59). Callow exhibited two views of Inverary Castle at the Society of Painters in Watercolours in 1850.

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