Calton Hill and Arthur's Seat, Edinburgh from Stockbridge

George Hilditch

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George Hilditch (1803-1857)
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Signed on label attached to the backboard: Edinburgh 1828/from Carron Road/George Hilditch
Watercolour over pencil heightened with white
22.5 by 31 cm., 8 ¾ by 12 ¼ in.

This is a view of Edinburgh from the north taken from Stockbridge. The bridge in the foreground is likely to be St Bernard's Bridge, a stone bridge built to cross the Water of Leith in 1824 (the present watercolour is dated 1828). The Nelson Monument on Calton Hill, visible here, was built by Robert Burn between 1808 and 1815. Construction of The National Monument was started in 1826 but it was abandoned due to lack of funds in 1829.

This is a rare watercolour by the London-based landscape artist who exhibited oils at the Royal Academy and elsewhere between 1823 and 1856.

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