The Waterfall at Llandogo, Monmouthshire

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Description

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Joshua Cristall (1768-1847)
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Signed lower right: J. Cristall 1831 and inscribed with title on old backing
Pen and brown ink and watercolour over pencil on two sheets of paper joined
36.8 by 23 cm., 14 ½ by 9 in.

Provenance:
Iolo Williams (1890-1962);
By descent until 2024

Cristall undertook four trips to Wales, initially in 1802 and 1803 accompanied by Cornelius Varley. He then returned in 1820 and finally in 1831, when he travelled with his wife.

The Wye valley held particular appeal to Cristall, who moved to Goodrich in 1823 and remained there until 1841, following his wife's death two years earlier, when he returned to London. Cleddon Falls lies above the village of Llandogo, about two miles north of Tintern and about twelve miles south of Goodrich. Although a relatively short waterfall, it is renowned for the thunderous noise of the water as it tumbles down the rocks, especially after heavy rain. It is thought that it was the inspiration for Wordsworth's poem, 'Lines Composed a few miles above Tintern Abbey'.

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