Portrait of Mary Danby

John Downman

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Height: 34 cm (13.4")

Width: 26.2 cm (10.3")

Description

John Downman, A.R.A. (1750-1824)
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Three-quarter length leaning against a column with a landscape beyond, holding a pen in one hand and a drawing of a tree in the other
Signed lower left: JDownman/Pinxt/1781 and extensively inscribed with details of sitter on canvas backing watercolour and black chalk heightened with touches of white on wove paper laid on canvas, with original wash mount
34 by 26.2 cm., 13 1/2 by 10 1/2 in.

Another portrait of the sitter, dated 1779, is inscribed on the mount by Downman: `Orig. study for a 1/2 length./She was Mary Danby, and Widow of Tho.s Lockhart Esq./I drew four Portraits of her, and her husband/twice and a whole-length. He became a General/and the 3.rd Earl Harcourt.'

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