Woman seated by a Milestone

Robert Kerr Porter

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Description

Sir Robert Ker Porter (1777-1842)
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Signed and dated, lower left: R. K. Porter 1798
Watercolour over pencil on laid paper
15.8 by 12.2 cm., 6 ¼ by 4 ¾ in.

Provenance:
Iolo A. Williams (1890-1962)

Literature:
Iolo A. Williams, Early English Watercolours, 1970, ill. plate LXXXV, no.175

Sir Robert Ker Porter had a distinguished career as a painter, writer and diplomat and was knighted by the Prince Regent in 1812. In 1800 Porter was invited to Russia by Tsar Alexander I to decorate the Admiralty in St Petersburg. He fell in love with the country, and a Russian princess whom he married, and returned to the country frequently. In 1825 he was appointed British Consul to Venezuela and spent fifteen years in Caracas. He died while in Russia visiting his daughter who was married to a Russian army officer.

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