Embarking on the Cherwell Ferry, Oxford

Peter La Cave

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Peter La Cave (fl.1769-1816)
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Signed lower centre: P La Cave/1789
Pen and grey ink and watercolour
19.4 by 42.4 cm., 7 ½ by 16 ½ in.

Provenance:
Anonymous sale, Christie's, 15th November 1988, lot 83;
With Guy Peppiatt Fine Art, 2011;
Private Collection, U.K.

This is a view of Oxford from the south with the tower of Magdalen College and Magdalen Bridge beyond. Magdalen Bridge is shown here newly completed replacing the old stone bridge dating from the sixteenth century which collapsed in a flood in February 1772. The new bridge was started in 1772 but not fully completed until 1790, the year after the present watercolour was drawn.

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