

Rocella, Calabria

Edward Lear



Description

Edward Lear (1812-1888)
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Signed with monogram lower right and inscribed lower left: Rocella
Watercolour
11.6 by 18 cm., 4 ½ by 7 in.

Lear's watercolour shows the fortified headland of Rocella in Calabria which is likely to be the site of an ancient Greek settlement known as Amphissa. It now dominates the modern town and beach resort. Lear would probably have visited the site during his visit to Calabria in 1847. He made numerous drawings and subsequently produced *Journals of a Landscape Painter in Southern Calabria* in 1852, with illustrations from his drawings.