

Whitehall Gardens, London

John Wilson Carmichael



Description

John Wilson Carmichael (1799-1868)
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Signed lower right with artist's monogram and dated 1849
Watercolour over pencil heightened with scratching out
29.5 by 44.2 cm., 11 ½ by 17 ¼ in.

Provenance:
With The Fine Art Society, London, May 1964;
By descent to the present owner

In 1808 a row of houses was constructed on the site of the old privy gardens for Whitehall Palace. Until the Victoria Embankment was constructed between 1865 and 1870, the houses had long tree filled gardens which ran down to the Thames.

Carmichael was initially apprenticed to a ship builder and it was in part this early training, along with this association with the artist and architect John Dobson, for whose plans he provided figures and often the colour, that provided the basis of Carmichael's clear, careful style.