

A seated Greek at Philates

Edward Lear

Sold



Description

Edward Lear (1812-1888)
A seated Greek at Philates

numbered 10 lower right
Pen and brown ink and watercolour heightened with bodycolour
7.3 by 6.8cm., 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches

Lear was living on Corfu in the summer of 1856. In July 1856 his friend Franklin Lushington announced he was taking a boat to Albania and Lear accompanied him with his servant Giorgio intending to travel on to Mount Athos. This was taken at Philates or Filiates which is a town in the Epirus region inland from the coast near the river Kalamas. A watercolour of Philates by Lear dated 13th August 1856 is in the collection of the Tate Gallery (T01004)