View of Servoz, French Alps

William Callow

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William Callow, R.W.S. (1812-1908)
View of Servoz in the French Alps

Signed dated and inscribed lower left: W Callow/Servoz/aout 14 1838
Watercolour over pencil
26.1 by 37 cm., 10 ¼ by 14 ½ in.

Provenance:
With Walker Galleries, London, by July 1957;
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Callow undertook his first visit to Switzerland in the autumn of 1838. He describes his trip in his diary, noting that he travelled by diligence through France over the Jura mountains to Switzerland. Journeying through Switzerland he wrote, 'We then proceeded through the vallery of Servoz and a beautiful gorge to the valley of Chamouny, surrounded by Mount Blanc and other mountains.' (H.M Cundall, ed. William Callow, R.W.S. F.R.G.S. An Autobiography, London, 1908, p. 67).

Servoz lies about 26 km to the north-west of Mont Blanc at one end of the Chamonix-Mont Blanc valley. The Church of Saint Loup which can be seen behind the houses on the left was consecrated in 1702 and is the oldest extant church in the valley.

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