The Interior of Bothwell Castle, Lanarkshire

Paul Sandby R.A.

Sold



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Height: 31.6 cm (12.4")

Width: 47.6 cm (18.7")

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Description

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Signed lower centre: P. Sandby/1799
Watercolour and bodycolour on paper laid on panel
316 x 475 mm., 12 ½ x 18 ¾ in.

Bothwell castle sits on a high bank above the river Clyde in South Lanarkshire, about ten miles south-east of Glasgow. It was started in the late thirteenth century but never completed.
In the late eighteenth century it belonged to Archibald Douglas who married Lady Frances Scott, the sister of the 3rd Duke of Buccleuch, in 1783.

Bothwell was one of Sandby's most popular subjects in the 1770s. He first visited the castle when employed as the official draughtsman for the Government Survey of the Highlands in 1748 and four grey washes studies survive from that trip (National Gallery of Scotland and National Library of Wales). His first exhibited view of Bothwell was at the Society of Artists in 1763 followed by three at the Royal Academy, in 1771, 1774 and 1779. Most of these were views of the castle across the river but the present work has the same viewpoint but different figures as an engraving after Sandby published in December 1778. The present view is therefore likely to date from the late 1770s.

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