

Spithead from Portsdown Head, Hampshire

William Turner Of Oxford

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Description

William Turner of Oxford (1789-1862)
Spithead from Portsdown Head, Hampshire

Signed lower left: W. Turner
Watercolour over pencil heightened with touches of bodycolour
41.9 by 73.5 cm., 16 ½ by 28 ¾ in.

Provenance:
With Thos. Agnew & Sons, 1954

Exhibited:
London, Thos. Agnew & Sons, 81st Annual Watercolour Exhibition, 1954, no.115

This is a view taken from Portsdown Hill which stands between Havant and Fareham and overlooks the city of Portsmouth. This view looks south-west towards Spithead and the Isle of Wight.

Turner painted a number of versions of this view taken from different angles in the 1830s and 1840s. 'Portsmouth Harbour and the Isle of Wight, as seen from Portsdown Hill' was exhibited at the Society of Painters in Water-colours in 1834, no. 19 and a watercolour measuring 6 ½ feet framed was exhibited at the British Institution in 1841, no. 244. This was probably the watercolour in an private collection exhibited in the 1984 Turner of Oxford exhibition (see Timothy Wilcox and Christopher Titterington, William Turner of Oxford (1789-1862), no. 59, ill. p.8). A rare oil of the subject by Turner was exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1840 as no. 525.