Kingsgate Castle

Joseph Mallord William Turner, R.A.

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Description

Joseph Mallord William Turner, R.A. (1775-1851)
Kingsgate Castle, Broadstairs, Kent (recto);
The Westminster and Claudine ashore at Margate, Kent (verso)

Inscribed verso: Claudine and Westminster
Pencil and white chalk on blue paper
14.1 by 19.4 cm., 5 ½ by 7 ½ in.

Provenance:
Mrs Booth, Margate, Turner's landlady;
By descent to her son John Pound;
Laurence W. Hodson, Compton Hall, near Wolverhampton by 1884;
Thence by descent until 1978;
Anonymous sale, Sotheby's, 30th November 1978, lot 97, part of an album, bt .Feigen;
Richard L. Feigen, New York until 2015

The recto of this sheet shows Turner looking northwest across Kingsgate Bay showing Kingsgate Castle in the foreground with the folly known as Arx Ruochim in the distance. The verso which is inscribed `Claudine and Westminster' depicts an incident which Turner saw at Margate in November 1840. On 22nd November 1840, two East Indiamen were deliberately grounded on the sands to the east of Margate to prevent them losing their cargo in a storm. Their cargo was then unloaded on the shore and damage to the ships was repaired.

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