Portrait Study of the Turk who travelled with Mr West to Italy

John Downman

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John Downman, A.R.A. (1750-1824)
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Signed on border lower right: Jo D and inscribed lower left: The Turk who travelled with/Mr West through Italy
Black and white chalk on blue laid paper
24.9 by 21 cm., 9 3/4 by 8 1/4 in.

This is likely to have drawn in Florence in the spring of 1775 when Downman was travelling in Italy - more on his trip.
A `Mr West' is recorded in Florence with the architect Christopher Ebdon (1744-1824) in February 1775 (see John Ingamells, A Dictionary of British and Irish Travellers in Italy 1701-1800, 1997, p.328 under Ebdon.
Unlikely to be Downman's teacher Benjamin West

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