The Daughters of the 7th Earl of Cavan

John Downman

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John Downman, A.R.A. (1750-1824)
The Daughters of the 7th Earl of Cavan

indistinctly signed on the chair centre right: JDownman pxt
Coloured chalks, pencil and stump
Oval 45.3 by 37.2 cm., 17 3/4 by 14 1/2 in.

Provenance:
By descent in the family of the sitters;
Private Collection, UK, until 2021

Exhibited:
Philip Mould, Downman in Vogue, 18th September to 9th October 2020

The sitters are from left: Lady Honora Elizabeth Hester Lambart (1784-1856), Lady Sophia Augusta Lambart (1787-1798) and Lady Alicia Margaretta Hockmore Lambart (1785-1818). The portrait dates from 1788

G.C. Williamson; John Downman, his life and works, 1907, listed in sketch books 'Third Series/ Volume the third), no. 9 ('The Three daughters of the Earl of Cavan, 1788, in a group); ill.p.36 (the sketches for the present work).

In this ambitious and large work Downman depicts the three daughters of General Richard Ford, 7th Earl of Cavan (1763-1837) and his first wife Honora Margaretta Lambart, née Gould (d. 1813).

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