Study of a Tanka Woman with Baskets

George Chinnery



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George Chinnery (1774-1852)
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Pencil, oval with cut bottom edge
Approx 13.8 by 11.2 cm., 5 ¼ by 4 ¼ in.

Chinnery arrived on the South China coast in late summer 1825. He had finally abandoned India, where he had been since 1802, when his debts, and his family, finally threatened to overwhelm him. Chinnery remained in China until his death in 1852 and for the first few years he spent time in both Macao and Canton. However, after 1832 it seems he stopped visiting Canton and for the twenty years, he remained on the small three mile long peninsular that formed Macao.

The Tankas are an ethnic group who lives on boats in the coastal regions of China and Macao.

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