

Interior of Winchester Cathedral

Francois Louis Thomas Francia

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Description

Francois Louis Thomas Francia (1772-1839)
The Interior of Winchester Cathedral

Signed lower left: L. Francia 1803 and inscribed on reverse of original mount: Inside view of Winchester/Cathedral made for/Sir Henry Englefield Bart/by L Francia 1803, with original pen and ink border 19 by 12.8 cm., 7 1/2 by 5 in.

Provenance:

Drawn for Sir Henry Englefield (1752-1822), 1803

Sir Henry Englefield was a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and between 1797 and 1813 he commissioned a series of engravings of English cathedrals. The present drawing is likely to relate to this series.

This is likely to be one of two interior views exhibited by Francia at the Royal Academy in 1804, no.652 as 'Two views of interiors: no. 1 Winchester; no.2 Christ's Church, Hants.' For another interior view by Francia from this period, see Marcia Pointon, Bonington, Francia & Wyld, 1985, p.105, no.6, ill.