

Antrodoco
Edward Lear

Sold



Description

Edward Lear (1812-1888)
Antrodoco

Signed lower left: E Lear del. 1846 and inscribed with title lower right
Black chalk heightened with white on blue paper
12.5 by 17.8 cm., 4 ³/₄ by 7 in.

Provenance:
John Scandrett Harford (1787-1866);
By descent until 2015

Lear visited Antrodoco on 5th and 6th August 1843. A view of Antrodoco was engraved for Illustrated Excursions in Italy, 1846, pl.14.

All the triple-armed valley of Antrodoco is full of grand scenery; but it is so threatened and walled-in by lofty mountains, as to be, to my feeling, oppressive in character. The town itself has a very Swiss look..... It contains no object of interest, and is sufficiently gloomy..... its castle, now a ruin, frowns in decay, from a huge rock immediately above the clustered dwellings.' (p.51).