

In the Villa Chigi, Ariccia, Italy

Thomas Hartley Cromek

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Description

Thomas Hartley Cromek (1809-1873)
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Signed lower left: TH CROMEK f. 1846/VILLA CHIGI/ARICCIA and inscribed verso: In the Chigi Palace Ariccia/1846

Watercolour over traces of pencil heightened with bodycolour

30.9 by 41.1 cm., 12 by 16 in.

Provenance:

By descent in the Cheney family to the present owner

The Villa Chigi is in Ariccia in the hills south- east of Rome and belonged to one of the most influential papal families in Rome. The Chigi Family transformed the villa into a baroque palace between 1664 and 1672 using plans by Bernini. Cromek travelled with Mary Somerville and her family, who noted on her own visit to the Chigi Villa that it was 'in a most picturesque but dilapidated state' (see 'Personal Recollections of Mary Somerville by her daughter Martha Somerville' Echo Library 2009).