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Description

John Wilson Carmichael (1799-1868)

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Signed lower left with artist's monogram, dated 1849 and indistinctly inscribed

Watercolour over pencil

29.5 by 44.5 cm., 11 ½ by 17 ½ in

Provenance:

With The Fine Art Society, London, May 1964;

By descent to the present owner

The present view looks across the Thames towards St Paul's Cathedral and Blackfriars's Bridge. The tall, squared tower on the south bank was the Shot Tower, built in 1826 for Thomas Maltby & Co. Gravity was used in the manufacture of lead shot; with liquid lead dropped from the top of the tower and as it fell, the lead formed into tiny perfectly circular drops, these were then captured in a vat of water, cooling the shot instantly. The tower was only demolished in 1962 to make way for the Queen Elizabeth Hall.