Castle Rock, Edinburgh

John Ruskin

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John Ruskin (1819-1900)
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Inscribed lower left: By John Ruskin MA Wm Ward
Pen and grey ink and watercolour over pencil heightened with white on buff paper
30.6 by 43.3 cm., 12 by 17 in.

Provenance:
William Ward (1829-1908);
Sir Hugh Casson (1910-1999);
Anonymous sale, Christie's, 16th December 2009, lot 65;
Private Collection

This on-the-spot sketch dates from one of Ruskin's two visits to Edinburgh in the 1850s, in 1853 and 1857. In 1853, he was there to deliver one of his `Lectures on Architecture and Painting' but there are no known Edinburgh views dating from that year, only some drawings executed when he was staying at Glenfinlas. It is therefore more likely to date from 1857.

The inscription in the lower left was written by William Ward (1829-1908), an artist who was paid by Ruskin to copy the work of J.M.W. Turner.

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