Portrait of Sir James Mansfield

John Nixon

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John Nixon (1755-1818)
Portrait of Sir James Mansfield

Signed lower right: JN/1810/common/Pleas./Sir James Mansfield
Pen and grey ink and watercolour
18.6 by 12.9 cm., 7 ¼ by 5 in.

Provenance:
The French Hospital of La Providence, Rochester

Sir James Mansfield (1734-1821) studied at the Middle Temple from 1755 and was called to the bar in 1758. He was MP for Cambridge University from 1779 to 1784 and Solicitor General from 1780. As Chief Justice, he presided over the trial of John Bellingham in 1812 who was accused of the assassination of the Prime Minister Spencer Percival (1762-1812), the only Prime Minster to have been killed while in office. He was shot in the lobby of the Houses of Commons. Bellingham was found guilty and hanged.

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