

Design for a Garden House

Sir James Thornhill

Sold



Description

Sir James Thornhill (1675-1734)
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Pen and brown and grey ink and grey washes on laid paper
18.2 by 17.2 cm., 7 by 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.

Provenance:

Colonel Gould Weston, his sale, Christie's, 15th July 1958, lot 125 as part of an album;
Ralph Holland (1917-2012)

This drawing may be linked to the work that Thornhill did for Isaac Loader (b.1653) at Deptford. Loader was an anchor maker by profession and was appointed Sheriff of Deptford in 1701. Ralph Thoresby (1658-1725) visited Loader's house in 1714 and records that 'the gardens are surprisingly fine and large: there are Mr Thornhill's paintings in the Bagnio, and other garden-houses' (see R. Thoresby, *The Diary of Ralph Thoresby*, F.R.S., 1830, p.237).