The Church of St Severin, Paris

James Holland



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Description

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James Holland (1799-1870)
The Church of St Severin, Paris

Watercolour over pencil heightened with bodycolour and gum arabic
19.7 by 10.5 cm., 7 ¾ by 4 ¼ in.

Provenance:
Edward Croft-Murray (1907-1980), thence by descent;
With Spink-Leger, London, 1997;
Private Collection until 2024

Literature:
Spink-Leger Pictures, Annual Exhibition of Watercolours and Drawings 1997, no. 47, ill.

Exhibited:
London, City Museum and Art Gallery, James Holland, 1970, no.32;
London, Spink-Leger Pictures, Annual Exhibition of Watercolours and Drawings, 20th May - 6th June 1997, no 47;

This dates from one of Holland's first trips to Paris in the early 1830s. The Eglise Saint-Séverin, on the street of the same name, is one of the oldest churches on the Left Bank. Originally dating from the thirteenth century, it was rebuilt after a fire in 1520. A related drawing dated 1831 was with Libson and Yarker in 2020 and another view of the church by Holland is in the Lady Lever Art Gallery, Liverpool (see Stephen Duffy, The Discovery of Paris, 2013, pp.84-5, no.35, ill.).

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