The Town of Amalfi, Italy

John `Warwick' Smith

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Description

John `Warwick' Smith (1749-1831)
The Town of Amalfi, Italy

Watercolour over traces of pencil
12.6 by 19 cm., 5 by 7 ½ in.

Provenance:
Paul Oppé (1878-1957);
Terence Mullaly (1927-2020)

This is a view of the town of Amalfi taken from the beach to the east. The spire of the Duomo is the right hand of the two visible towers. The Torre di Pogerola is on the hill beyond and the Capuchin Monastery is in the next bay.

John `Warwick' Smith spent five years in Italy, from 1776 until 1781 at the expense of his patron the 2nd Earl of Warwick. While there, he sketched with Thomas Jones and returned to England via Switzerland with Francis Towne. Smith was based in Naples for sixteen months from March 1778, frequently sketching with Thomas Jones from September 1778. Smith rented a house at Vietri on the Bay of Salerno each summer and visited nearby Sorrento in November 1778.

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