

London from Greenwich

John Varley

Sold



Description

John Varley 1778-1842)
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Signed lower right: J. Varley and signed again verso: London/from Greenwich/J. Varley 1822
Watercolour over pencil heightened with stopping out
15 by 19.5 cm., 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ by 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.

Provenance:
Spetchley Park, Worcestershire

Exhibited:
London, Society of Painters in Water-colours, 1823, no.72

This is one of Varley's most popular London views taken from the top of Greenwich Park. To the left is the Royal Observatory founded in 1675 with the dome of St Paul's Cathedral prominent in the distance across the Thames. Greenwich was in the news in 1822 as the point of departure of George IV on his way to Scotland in August of that year.

There are a number of versions of this view by Varley (see Timothy Wilcox, John Varley 1778-1842, 2008, no.24, ill.).