Dryburgh Abbey, Scotland

David Roberts R.A.

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Description

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David Roberts, R.A. (1790-1864)
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Signed lower left: David Roberts R.A., inscribed lower right: Dryburgh Abbey/more properly Wetborough… and further signed on original mount: To my friend John Murray. This Sketch made on the Spot/& presented April 22nd 1855/David Roberts
Watercolour over pencil heightened with touches of bodycolour on buff paper
24.7 by 35 cm., 9 ¾ by 13 ¾ in.

Provenance:
John Murray III (1808-1892);
By descent to the present owner

Roberts gave this drawing to his friend John Murray in April 1855 but this on-the-spot sketch dates from earlier. He may have visited Dryburgh which is in the Scottish Borders near Galashiels on his Scottish tour in 1854 and he certainly visited nearby Melrose in September-October 1846. He also sketched Dryburgh on his tour in the autumn of 1831.

A view of Dryburgh Abbey, dated 1832, was sold at Christie's on 18th March 1980, lot 103.

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