St Giles's, Edinburgh

John Ruskin

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John Ruskin (1819-1900)
St Giles's Cathedral, Edinburgh

Signed lower right: Edinburgh. J Ruskin 1837./signed/1879
Pencil heightened with touches of white on grey-blue paper on wove paper watermarked: SMITH & AL…/1837, with cut corners
18.9 by 24.6 cm., 7 ¼ by 9 ½ in.

Provenance:
Anonymous sale, Christie's Edinburgh, 30th October 2003, lot 15;
Private Collection

This drawing dates from Ruskin's visit to Edinburgh in August 1837 and is one of only about seven known drawings of the city. This may be the vignette which he drew with the intention of reproducing it in Praeterita, a plan which he later abandoned. We are grateful to Dr James Dearden for his comments on this drawing.

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