Trees at Hamilton Palace, Scotland

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Signed lower left: JWd RA/August 13/Hamilton
Pencil on Whatman paper dated 1801
19.2 by 27.1 cm., 7 ½ by 10 ½ in.

Provenance:
By descent from the artist to Claude Ward-Jackson;
H. Noel Whiting until 1970;
With Sidney Sabin;
Private Collection, USA until 2007;
With WS Fine Art by 2009;
Private Collection

Literature:
Susan Sloman, Drawings by James Ward 1769-1859, 2009, exhibition catalogue, p.28, no. 16, ill. p.72

Exhibited:
WS Fine Art, Drawings by James Ward 1769-1859, 18th November to 11th December 2009, no. 16

This drawing dates from Ward's tour of Scotland in the summer of 1805. He visited Hamilton Palace on 13th August and he recorded in his diary:
`Got up tolerably well but for my foot, see through Hamilton Palace…. Go down the glen and sketch Cadgow Castle, then my foot so painful I can scarce draw a line. I hobble round to the other side of the river, about three miles away, and make studies. My leg worse and worse, get very feverish with the pain, manage to go round with great difficulty back again to the Palace to draw Hamilton, but find it lost in the fog, return with much pain to the inn…' (quoted in C.R. Grundy, James Ward RA, His Life and Works with a Catalogue of his Engravings and Pictures, 1909, p. xxxix - Grundy incorrectly dates this trip to 1811).

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