

The Gateway, Lewes Castle, Sussex

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Description

George Frederick Prosser (1805-1882)
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Signed lower left: Gateway/Lewes Castle/Sussex/G.F. Prosser 1873
Watercolour over pencil heightened with bodycolour and stopping out
38.1 by 52.5 cm., 15 by 20 1/2 in.

Provenance:

Commissioned by Henry Thomas Pelham, 3rd Earl of Chichester (1804-1886), Stanmer Park, Lewes;
Private Collection, Hampshire

Lewes Castle is one of the earliest of the Norman castles, begun in 1067. The gateway depicted here, dates from the early 14th Century, when John de Warenne ordered its construction following the attack on the castle in 1264, during the Baron's War, when much of the surrounding town was burnt to the ground.