

The Malabar Coast, India

Edward Lear

Sold



Description

Edward Lear (1812-1888)
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Signed with monogram lower right, inscribed with title on the border and numbered verso: 48. (C.3)
Watercolour over traces of pencil heightened with bodycolour
11.6 by 23.8 cm., 4 ½ by 9 ¼ in.

Provenance:
Sir Franklin Lushington (1823-1901);
Thence by descent until 2022

Lear was invited to India in 1872 by his friend Thomas Baring, Earl of Northbrook who had been appointed Viceroy of India and finally left Naples for Bombay in the autumn of 1873. He arrived on 22nd November 1873 and stayed until 11th January 1875 - it was his last major overseas tour.

Malabar was the old name for the south-west coast of India most of which is Kerala. Lear visited the area from September to December 1874 on his way to and from the island of Ceylon (Sri Lanka).