

John Webber, R.A.



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A traveller standing by a waterfall

Reference: 10987

KAREN TAYLOR

FINE ART

Dimensions:

Height: 35 cm / 13¾ in
Width: 23 cm / 9 in

John Webber, R.A. (1751-1793)

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Inscribed u.c.: No 22. august 15. 1788, watercolour over pencil on laid paper

35 x 23 cm; 13.8 x 9.1 inches

Provenance

Sotheby's London, July 14, 1988, lot 87;

Spink;

Private collection, U.K., bought from the above

In 1787 to early 1788 he travelled to Switzerland and Northern Italy. Later in 1788 the artist made a tour of the west of England and the Wye Valley where the present drawing must have been done. He favoured a limited palette of greys and blues, like John Robert Cozens, and his work is characterised by the very fine detail exhibited in the present work, which would have been drawn on the spot and finished in the studio.

Examples of Webber's work may be found in the British Museum, the Victoria & Albert Museum, The Mitchell Library, Sydney and many other museums.