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The Parthenon with the Erechtheion

Reference: 11092

Dimensions:

Height: 37.50 cm / 14¾ in

Width: 54.50 cm / 21½ in

Inscribed u.l.: Parthenon. Athens-Erechtheum, graphite

37.5 x 54.5 cm

This drawing, made with the aid of a camera obscura, clearly shows the extent of the rubble of the fallen parts of the Parthenon. The drawing appears to have been carefully reinforced, presumably by Page at a later date. A more worked-up watercolour of this view measuring 20.3 x 29.8 cm was in the collection of J. H. Money in 1972. That work is signed and inscribed 'ATHENS' in block capitals similar to those which the artist uses in catalogue nos. 1 and 3.

The Erechtheion, which dates from the end of the fifth century BC, stands to the north of the Parthenon. Both temples were converted into Christian basilicas, thought to be in the seventh century AD, when the interiors were gutted.