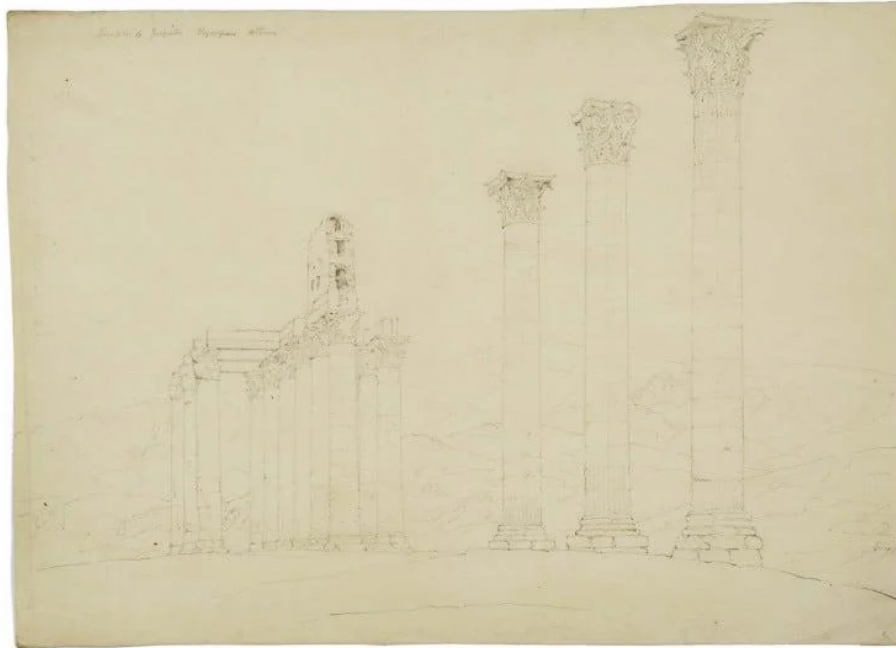


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Temple of Olympian Zeus, Athens

Reference: 11094

Dimensions:

Height: 38 cm / 15 in

Width: 52.50 cm / 20⁵/₈ in

Inscribed u.l.: Temple of Jupiter Olympus Athens, graphite

38 x 52.5 cm

Construction of the Temple of Zeus Olympios was begun in the Doric order in the sixth century BC under the Peisistradid tyranny, but was discontinued after its fall. A new version in the Corinthian order was commenced by Antiochos IV of Syria (175-164 BC). When it was completed some 300 years or so later, around AD 131-2, in Hadrian's reign, it was by far the largest building in Athens.

The brick structure upon the architrave of the two western columns of the middle range is supposed to have been built

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as an aerial retreat around 1209 by Nicholas de la Roche, the canon of Athens. It measured three feet high, twenty feet long and seven feet wide, and was removed circa 1870.

This drawing was made with the aid of a camera obscura. Page has left the fluting of the columns unfinished, although the capitals are carefully observed.