

Edward Lear



Sleeping Cretans

Reference: 11186

Dimensions:

Height: 4 cm / 1⁵/₈ in

Width: 11.60 cm / 4⁵/₈ in

Pen and brown ink and watercolour, inscribed with pencil numbers l.r.

4 x 11.6 cm.; 1 5/8 x 4 5/8 inches

Lear's diary of 5th May 1864 records that he was sketching at the Lake of Kourna, 'very fine and Cumberlandish- in a nook at the foot of very high hills...11.15 Lunch is done: the wrens and titmice still sing-still. Zeriff [Turkish armed servant] hubblebubbles. The four Cretan creturs [sic] sleep, and the sun comes over the oak tree I lie beneath so I must move. Very delightful hours...'