Puffins near Flamborough Head, Yorkshire

Henry Barlow Carter

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Description

Henry Barlow Carter (1804-1868)
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Signed lower right, H. B. Carter
Watercolour heightend with scratching out
21.5 by 32.3 cm., 8 ½ by 12 ¾ in.

Provenance:
With Guy Peppiatt Fine Art, 2011;
By descent to the present owner

Henry Barlow Carter is best associated with views of Yorkshire, particularly the coast and marine subjects. He was born in Bermondsey, London but by the time he started exhibiting his work in 1827, he gave his address as 'Plymouth and 12 Churchyard Row, Newington'. He later moved to Hull before settling in Scarborough from 1830 for the rest of his career, where he practiced as a watercolour painter and drawing master. Following his wife's death, he retired to Torbay.
The present watercolour demonstrates Carter's fascination with the Yorkshire coast, with its dramatic cliffs, rocky cliffs and constantly changing sea. Flamborough Head is one of the most important sea bird colonies in Europe and the largest mainland puffin colony in Britain.

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