

Cader Idris from the Barmouth Road, North Wales

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Description

David Cox O.W.S. (1783-1859)
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Signed on rock lower left: D. Cox 1827
Watercolour over pencil heightened with touches of bodycolour
20.1 by 29.6 cm., 8 by 11 ½ in.

Provenance:
Anonymous sale, Bonham's, 23rd September 2008, lot 72;
Private Collection, Herefordshire

Exhibited:
London, Society of Painters in Water-colours, 1828, no.331, sold for 4 gns

David Cox began taking lessons from John Varley in 1804. The following summer, probably inspired by the trips of his fellow artists, he undertook his first visit to Wales, travelling with his friend Charles Barber. He returned periodically during the next decades in 1806, 1818, 1825, 1836 and 1842. However, from 1844, when he visited Bettsw-y-Coed for the first time, he returned annually until 1856, when ill health prevented him from travelling.