Painting - Aurangzeb's Mosque on the Ganges river at Benares

Object: Painting

Place of origin: India (made)

Date: 1860 (made)

Artist/Maker: Landseer, George, born 1834 - died 1878 (painter)

Materials and Techniques: Pastel and watercolour on paper

Credit Line: Given by Mrs. George Landseer

Museum number: IS.41:10-1881

Gallery location: In Storage

Descriptive line
Painting by a British artist; George Landseer; Ghat in Benares; India, 1860.

Physical description
A ghat on the Ganges river in Benares with Aurangzeb's Mosque in the background. A ghat is a broad flight of steps situated on a riverbank that provides access to the water especially for bathing.

Dimensions
Length: 20 in, Width: 28 in

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Object history note
This image belongs to a collection of 31 sketches of landscape views and figure subjects.

Historical context note
George Landseer (1834–78) was a portrait and landscape painter, belonging to an English family of artists. Some sources say he was born in 1829. He exhibited biblical and literary subjects at the Royal Academy and the British Institution. He travelled to northern India to paint portraits and watercolour landscapes and returned to England in 1870.

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