

Sale Name: Spring 2025: Session Two

LOT 1053 - ALEXANDER CAVALIÉ MERCER, WATERCOLOUR/PENCIL



Estimate \$ 400-600

Description

ALEXANDER CAVALIÉ MERCER, WATERCOLOUR/PENCIL

British [1783-1813]

View from the Commanding Officer's Gardens, Halifax; 1842

Size: 9.5 x 13 in. / Framed: 18 x 21 in.

Provenance: The Pagurian Corporation Limited, Toronto ON (label verso)

On 22 Oct. 1837 Mercer, a lieutenant-colonel with the British military, was sent to British North America to command the artillery in Nova Scotia and remained at Halifax until 16 Aug. 1842. He made extensive tours of inspection throughout the Maritimes, and left an important watercolour record of many of the places he visited, especially Halifax and the surrounding region and Fredericton and the Saint John River valley. He appears to have been one of the most original artists of the group of military topographers who documented the colonial landscape. The largest collection of his watercolours is preserved in the Public Archives of Canada.

Quantity: 1

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