

Deer in parkland

Captain Gabriel Bray

£350



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Height: 35.5 cm (14")

Width: 45 cm (17.7")

Framed Height: 54 cm (21.3")

Framed Width: 64 cm (25.2")

Description

This work is attributed to Bray based on the signature and style. It bears stylistic similarities to, although perhaps greater quality than, some of the artist's watercolours. A large tree dominates this composition as a Picturesque repoussoir, creating a vignette providing depth to the landscape scene. Bray has handled this traditional 18th-century device with enthusiasm and some skill. It is a device still being used in 1804 by John Sell Cotman, following his first visit to Yorkshire. Cotman's large drawing of Newburgh Priory; the Long Gallery from Crow Wood (no.20 in the Cotman Bicentenary exhibition catalogue edited by Miklos Rajnai, 1982) has a comparable composition with a tree and three deer.