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RICHMOND PALACE

Richmond

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Physical description

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Dimensions

115 by 340mm. (4.5 by 13.5 inches).

Notes

Constructed in 1501 by Henry VII, Richmond Palace was one of the favoured royal residences on the Thames in England, situated just nine miles (14 km) to the south-west of Westminster, but still in what was then a rural area. It was the preferred home of Elizabeth I, who died there in 1603, and it remained in use as a residence of the monarchs until the death of Charles I in 1649. Within a few months of his decapitation, Parliament ordered the survey and sale of Richmond Palace, which fetched £13,000. Over the following decade it was largely demolished, with the building materials re-used in other minor projects.

The present view of Richmond shows the cupola-topped towers of the Palace from across the Thames. Surroundings include a walled garden, square barn, fields, houses and a church tower. In the foreground a large group are embarking from a barge on the river; it is made up of King Charles II, Queen Henrietta Maria, and their three children, along with five attendants. There are a number of other indistinguishable figures on the far bank and rowing on the Thames.

Bibliography

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Provenance

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