

JOHN MITCHELL

FINE PAINTINGS



Willem van de Velde the Younger (Leiden 1633 - London 1707)

The Fresh Breeze: the Dutch ship *'t Wapen van Utrecht* running before the wind, with other shipping

oil on canvas,
signed with initials 'WV' on driftwood lower right

Sold - Private European Collection (2011)

Provenance:

Earl of Lichfield; his sale at Shugborough Hall, August 1842, lot 75;
£441 to King;
by whom bought for Rev. John Lucy of Hampton Lucy;
his sale (deceased), Christie's, 1st May 1875, lot 91,
650 gns. to Thos. Agnew & Son; by whom sold to
H.W.F. Bolckow, M.P. (1806-1878);
F.C.K. Fleischmann;
Frederick Noel Ashcroft (1878-1949);
thence by descent.

Literature:

J. Smith, Supplement to the Catalogue Raisonné of the Most Eminent Dutch, Flemish, and French Painters; etc., London 1842, p.823, no. 70, '...of exquisite quality';
C. Hofstede de Groot, A Catalogue Raisonné, etc., London 1923, vol. VII, p. 118, no. 469.