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Dear Alfred,

We bought the picture at Phillips, 2 July 1996, Lot 7 ('Circle of Adriaen van der Cabel'), Property fo a Gentleman. I don't know if Jennifer Killian's monograph on Dujardin has been published yet, we said it was forthcoming in the notes I wrote at the time and which are attached.

I have seen a beautfiful early Gaspard Dughet, bigger than the one we had, very bright in colouring, which I could buy for 35,000 pounds. Would you be interested to own it so that I could find a buyer?

Kind regards, CLOVIS

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Karel Dujardin

Amsterdam 1622 - 1678

EXTENSIVE RIVER LANDSCAPE

Signed and indistinctly dated (strengthened) l.r.: K. Dujardin Oil on canvas

63 by 80 cm.; 24¾ by 31½ in.

Provenance:

Anonymous sale, Geneva, Gal. Moos, 7 December 1935, lot 21;

With W. Paech, Amsterdam, before 1940.

Literature:

E. Brochhagen, in Bulletin Musées Royaux des Beaux-



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Artist: Karel DUJARDIN

Landscape with an Italian Town

Support: canvas, 47 by 58 cms

Before the recent restoration, the painted surface of this picture was covered with a thick layer of discoloured varnish, and showed a small tear in the area below the top of the hill to the left of the tower, and a few minor losses towards the lower edge of the canvas. So the restoration consisted in a new relining and the removal of the above-mentioned old varnish, bringing back all the original cromatism. The small scattered losses were filled and inpainted and new Keytone varnish applied.

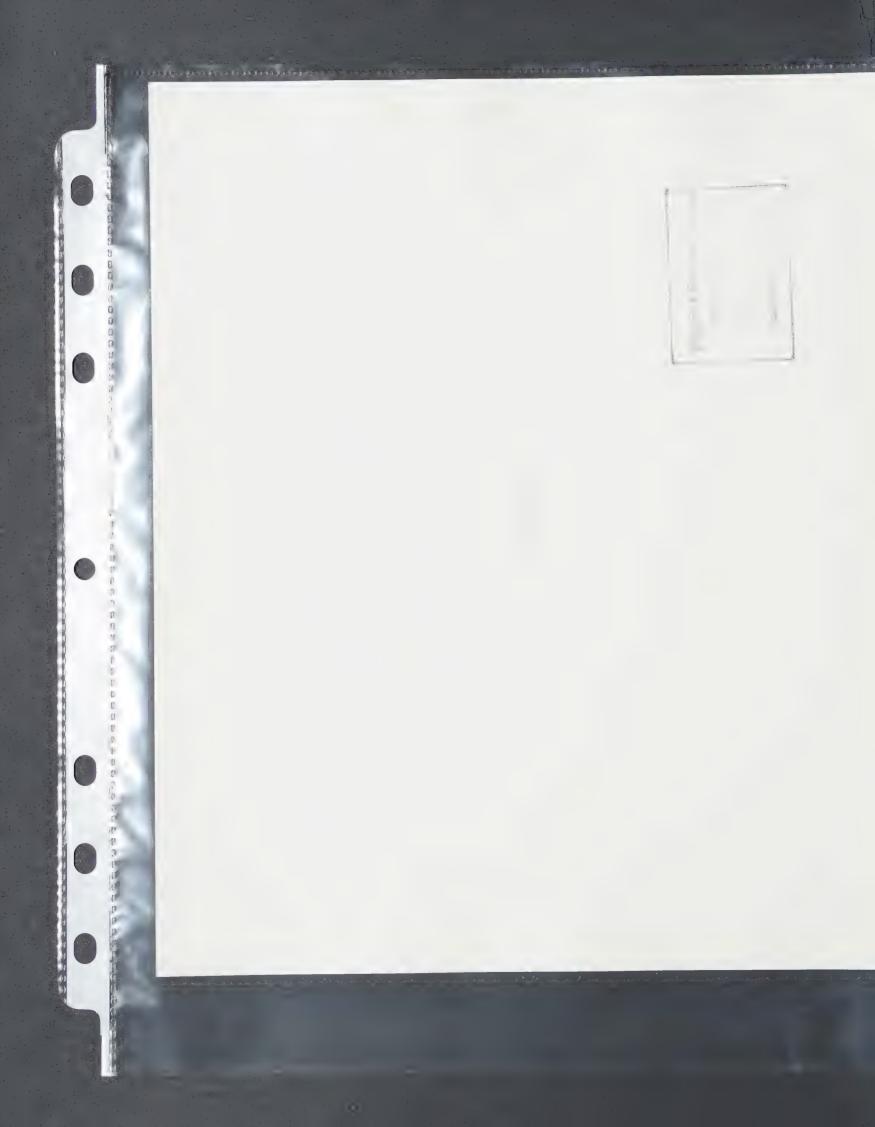
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Around 1678

Provenance:

Sale, London (Sotheby's), 11 June 1969, lot 87 (as J. Asselijn, "An Italian Landscape with a muleteer and other figures beneath a ruined arch," oil on canvas, 46.5 x 59.5 cm); sale, London (Phillips), 2 July 1996, lot 7, illus. (as Circle of Adriaen van der Cabel); London, with Clovis Whitfield Fine Art; purchased by Alfred Bader; Milwaukee, collection of Alfred and Isabel Bader

Exhibitions:

Milwaukee 2005 - 2006, pp. 38 - 39, no. 12 (with colour illustration)

Karel Du Jardin enjoys a reputation as one of the most accomplished Dutch painters of Italianate landscape. Although his training is undocumented, his early paintings closely follow the style of the Haarlem specialist in this genre, Nicolaes Berchem, with whom likely studied. Houbraken relates a colourful story of the young artist's consent to a marriage proposal from a woman innkeeper to whom he owed money. The biographer also tells of his membership in the *Bentveughels* in Rome, where he was given the



nickname "Bokkebaart" (Goatbeard).<sup>2</sup> A signed and dated drawing of a square in Rome appears to indicate that his Roman stay took place in the years 1652 – 1655, and not in the 1640s, as Houbraken asserts.<sup>3</sup> In 1656 Du Jardin joined the newly-established painters' confraternity *Pictura* in The Hague.<sup>4</sup> Three years later he was in Amsterdam again.<sup>5</sup> Besides landscapes, Du Jardin also achieved success as a portrait and history painter, applying a smooth finish enlivened with a strong light effect. In 1675 he accompanied the collector and patron Jan Reynst to Italy, first visiting Rome, and then proceeding to Venice, where the artist died in 1678.<sup>6</sup>

His second stay in Italy inspired him to renewed vibrancy in his depiction of the Italian landscape. His paintings from this period show a powerful rendering of tone and surface in smoothly applied impasto layers, replacing the thinner technique of his Amsterdam years. Their compositions emphasize the monumentality of the landscape with the looming forms of mountains in the distance, and a reduce scale of the figures, which are placed within, rather than in front of their surroundings, as seen in a number of depictions of extensive mountain landscapes peopled with travellers. One of these, in Vienna, also incorporates a distant view onto a town on a hill (fig.?). The present picture is an exception among his late Italian works in presenting such a close view of the town. Its magisterial presence, dwarfing the figures before it, and echoed in the mountains behind, is entirely in keeping with the transcendent calm that characterizes of this phase of the artist's career.

1. Houbraken, vol. 3, p. 60.



- 2. Houbraken, vol. 3, p. 56.
- 3. Two documents place Du Jardin in Amsterdam in 1652 and 1655: see: Edouard Plietzsche, in: Thieme-Becker, vol. 10, p. 103. One of his drawings identifies its Roman site in its inscription: see: exhibition catalogue Amsterdam 2001, p. 154.
- 4. Saur, vol. 30, p. 422
- 5. Ibidem.
- 6. Houbraken, vol. 3, pp. 59 60.
- 7. Oil on canvas, 54.2 x 72.4 cm, sale, Amsterdam (Sotheby's), 3 May 1999, lot 48 (with colour illustration); oil on wood, 90.3 x 115.5 cm, private collection, see: exhibition catalogue London 2002, pp. 150 151, no. 35 (with colour illustration)
- 8. Oil on canvas, 53 x 68.5 cm, Vienna, Gemäldegalerie der Akademie der bildenden Künste, inv. no. 827; see: exhibition catalogue London 2002, pp. 152 153, no. 36 (with colour illustration).
- 9. The attribution to Du Jardin is supported by Marijcke de Kinkelder of the R.K.D..



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