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William Hodges: A Dissertation on the Prototypes
of Architectures, Hindoo, Moorish, and Gothic

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Archives
Title:	William Hodges: A Dissertation on the Prototypes of Architectures, Hindoo, Moorish, and Gothic
Identifier:	FSA.A2012.06
Date:	1787
Extent:	1 Book (bound in brown Morocco leather with considerable repairs; 57 x 85 cm)
Creator:	Hodges, William, 1744-1797
Language:	English
Digital Content:	Image(s): William Hodges: A Dissertation on the Prototypes of Architectures, Hindoo, Moorish, and Gothic

Administrative Information

Provenance

Gift of Elizabeth Moynihan, 2012.

Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Biographical / Historical

In his youth, William Hodges was apprenticed, for seven years, to the leading landscape painter, Richard Wilson. Hodges became well known for the sketches and paintings he produced as James Cook's appointed draughtsman during his second expedition to the Pacific Ocean (1772-1775). From 1778 to 1783 he visited India as a professional painter under the protection of Warren Hastings, The Governor General of the East Indian Company. The most productive period of his Indian sojourn was between 1781 to 1783, when he toured the regions of Bengal and Bihar producing mostly landscape paintings for leading British figures. Hodges' Dissertation, published in 1787 and dedicated to Hastings, originates from material collected during his Indian tour. The painter's work gives shape and color to landscapes of the non-European world, creating a visual and explicit connection between these unfamiliar territories and the British audience.

Scope and Contents

One book by William Hodges published in 1787.

Arrangement

One folio in a map drawer.

Local Numbers

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Names and Subject Terms

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Bihar (India)
India