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FORMED BY THE LATE FRANCIS BULLARD OF BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS

AND BEQUEATHED BY HIM TO THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS IN BOSTON



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PREFACE

THE Collection of prints from the Liber Studiorum of Joseph Mallord William Turner, catalogued in the following pages, was formed by the late Francis Bullard, of Boston, Massachusetts, between the years 1900 and 1913.

In the autumn of 1900 Mr. Bullard bought the collection of prints from Turner's Liber Studiorum formed by the late Edward Brown Lees, of Thurland Castle, England, which comprised prints from all the published plates, most of them in the first states, thirty engravers' proofs, including proofs from unpublished plates, and forty-five of the preliminary etchings. During the following years he greatly enlarged and improved this collection by new purchases and by discarding less good for better impressions of the prints, until in importance his collection was classed with the two leading private collections of prints from Turner's Liber Studiorum owned, in England, respectively by the late John Edward Taylor and by William George Rawlinson, Esquire. In the summer of 1912 the Taylor Collection was sold at auction, and many of the finest and of the most interesting prints were bought by Mr. Bullard and by Mr. Rawlinson. A few months later, toward the end of the same year, Mr. Bullard bought the Rawlinson Collection, and at his death in February, 1913, Mr. Bullard bequeathed to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Massachusetts, the collection which is now known as the Bullard Collection. This bequest gave to the Museum a collection of prints from Turner's Liber Studiorum not only of unrivalled quality and interest, but also the most comprehensive in existence—the greatest of its kind ever formed.

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