

SA256699**R I Barrow 18th Century****Perch Rock Fort and New Brighton Lighthouse the Wirral, Merseyside, Liverpool**

Price

GBP 1,500

| USD \$2,045 | EUR 1,750

Item Reference: SA256699**Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 50 cm (19.7")

Width = 74 cm (29.1")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

R I Barrow 18th Century Perch Rock Fort and New Brighton Lighthouse the Wirral, Merseyside, Liverpool circa 1850 Pencil and Watercolour signed "I R Barrow" 16 x 26 in. (42.16 x 66.04 cm.) Fort Perch Rock is a coastal defence battery built between 1825 and 1829. It was built to protect the Port of Liverpool and as a fortified lighthouse to replace the old Perch Rock Light. It was originally built on an area known as Black Rock and was cut off at high tide, but now coastal reclamation has made it fully accessible. It is currently open as a museum. The Fort covers an area of about 4,000 square yards, with enough space for 100 men. It was built with red sandstone from the Runcorn quarries. The height of the walls ranges from 24 feet (7.3 m) to 32 feet (9.8 m), and the towers are 40 feet (12 m) high. The Fort originally had a drawbridge, and a Tuscan portal which bore the coat of arms and the words 'Fort Perch Rock'. At one point it was armed with 18 guns, of which 16 were 32-pounders, mounted on platforms. It was nicknamed the 'Little Gibraltar of the Mersey'. The foundation stone reads: This foundation stone of the Rock Perch Battery, projected by and under the dir...

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