



This remarkable collection came from *Longleat House* in *Wiltshire*, seat of the *Marquesses of Bath*. It was rediscovered in the library in two bound volumes during efforts to identify items to be sold to help maintain *Longleat's* many other treasures.

The watercolours were removed from the bound volumes for sale.



The two volumes were assembled by *John Mackenzie* of *Crown Street, London*, who held office of bookbinder to both *George IV* and *William IV*. Watermarks on the fly leaves indicate that the binding was carried out no earlier than 1833, six years after the artists *Thomas Rowlandson* and *Samuel Howitt* had died. The inside cover was stamped by the binder '*JMackenzie/Bookbinder to the King*', indicating the binding must have been made before 1837 when *Queen Victoria* succeeded to the throne.

