

23, Cannon Place,

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The Landscape on panel (28 by 52 inches) with Nessus and Dejanira surprised by Hercules, and with the river god Evenus and his nymph, is in my opinion a well preserved and important work by Peter Paul Rubens.

The beautiful landscape with trees reflected in the water, and the dramatic sky, are entirely by Rubens, as well as the prominent figures in the middle. The other figures which Rubens may have outlined or sketched have been reinforced by another hand, apparently by Jordaens. The probable date of the picture is about 1635.

The painting has been in the family of Mrs. T. Temple-Roberts for the last hundred years and should be identical with the picture once in the famous collection of Reynier van den Wolf, Rotterdam.

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