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**Princess Helena, 1847**

RCIN 420309

Watercolour on ivory laid on the original backing card, oval, 24 × 21 mm  
Signed and inscribed by the artist on the reverse in ink: [...] aged 2 years / painted by/  
Faja, after Thorburn / 1847.

Set in a gilt-bronze slip within a Hatfield frame.

PROVENANCE: commissioned by Queen Victoria from Faja in 1847 and listed with  
cat. nos 429 and 438 in her private accounts: 'To Faja for Miniatures of Bertie (&  
Alfred) after Winterhalter's large Family-Picture & for one of Helena after Thorburn  
£23.2.0.' (22 guineas) (RA VIC/ADDT/231/122); first recorded in the Royal Library,  
Windsor Castle, in 1851 (List 1851: smaller [54]; Cust 1910 19/13).