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LANDELLS, ROBERT THOMAS (1833-1877)

The eldest son of engraver, illustrator and magazine proprietor Ebenezer Landells (1808-1860), Robert Thomas Landells was born in London on 1 August 1833. Although he was largely educated in France, Landells studied art in London. He was an artist and illustrator for the *Illustrated London News*, famously providing war sketches from the Crimea in 1856. After peace was declared, Landells travelled to Moscow to report the coronation of Tsar Alexander II. He was famously even-handed in his depiction of war, and received accolades from both Denmark and Prussia for his portrayal of both sides of the war in which they were involved in winter of 1863. He similarly reported on the 1866 war between Prussia and Austria and the Franco-Prussian War. Present during the Franco-Prussian War as a staff member of the Crown Prince, Landells received the Order of the Iron Cross for his attention to the injured in the Loire. Aside from his war coverage as a special artist, Landells produced memorial paintings of ceremonials for Queen Victoria between 1857 and 1874. Landells died on 6 January 1877 in Chelsea. **AD**

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