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**Title**  
Thomas Williams, a Black Sailor

**Dimensions**  
0.262 x 0.235 (10 3/8 x 9 1/4 inches)

**Date**  
1815

**Inscription**  
Inscribed Thosigned Williams a sailor Liverpool October 13th 1815 - burnt umber and. . . . Perfecctly expresses the complexion of a negro; Sketch used in watercolour: ""Mr Wilberforce abolishing the Slave Trade. ""

**Provenance**  
sale, Fosters, 6 October 1926 (40), bought A. Paul Oppé (1878–1957); D. L. T. Oppé (1841)

**Exhibition history**  
Sheffield, 1952 (27); Royal Academy, Old Master Drawings, 1953 (477); Royal Academy, Diploma Galleries, 1958 (73)