

Engraved map, old folds backed with japan paper.

“A CIVIL BUT RATHER A STUPID DOG”

Plan of London from Actual Survey 1840.

Author
SHURY, John

Publication date
1840.

Publisher

Publication place
[London],

Physical description
Engraved map, old folds backed with japan paper.

Dimensions
578 by 818mm (22.75 by 32.25 inches).

Notes
The title is in panel across the top, in the centre is the royal arms together with those of Westminster and Southwark. To the upper left and right are vignette views of Greenwich Hospital and London from Waterloo Bridge respectively. At the bottom right is a scale-bar and explanation of boundary symbols. The plan is framed by a Greek key border, and 29 engraved views of London landmarks, including: St Pauls, Temple Bar, The Colosseum, St. James’s Place, and Somerset House. The map shows the London & Greenwich Railway, the London & Birmingham Railway, and the

Hungerford Suspension Bridge.

John Shury (or Sherry) is mentioned in a letter from Richard Phillips, a distinguished chemist and member of the Royal Society, to Michael Faraday, dated 4 September 1821: “Send to the engraver to wait upon you for the plate – he is a civil but rather a stupid dog – his name is Shury, Charterhouse House [sic] Street, Charterhouse Square.” (Letter 148, ‘The correspondence of Michael Faraday’, by Michael Faraday, Frank A. J. L. James)

The map was first issued as a free supplement with the United Kingdom Newspaper in 1832.

Scale: 3 3/4 inches to 1 mile.

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