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## RICHMOND PALACE

**Richmond**

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[London],

**Physical description**
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**Dimensions**
115 by 340mm. (4.5 by 13.5 inches).

**Notes**
Constructed in 1501 by Henry VII, Richmond Palace was one of the favoured a royal residences on the Thames in England, situated just nine miles (14 km) to the south-west of Westminster, but still in what was then a rural area. It was the preferred home of Elizabeth I, who died there in 1603, and it remained a in use as a residence of the monarchs until the death of Charles I in 1649. Within a few months of his decapitation, Parliament ordered the survey and sale of Richmond Palace, which fetched £13,000. Over the following decade it was largely demolished, with the building materials re-used in other minor projects.

The present view of Richmond shows the cupola-topped towers of the Palace from across the Thames. Surroundings include a walled garden, square barn, fields, houses and a church tower. In the foreground a large group are embarking from a barge on the river; it is made up of King Charles II, Queen Henrietta Maria, and their three children, along with five attendants. There are a number of other indistinguishable figures on the far bank and rowing on the Thames.

**Bibliography**
NHG Hollar 259; Pennington 1058; BM Q,6.54.

**Provenance**

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