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THE GREAT EXHIBITION

Cruchley's New Plan of London improved.

Author

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Publisher

Engraved & Published By G.F. Cruchley, No.81 Fleet Street,

Publication place

London,

Physical description

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Dimensions

870 by 1430mm. (34.25 by 56.25 inches).

Notes

George Frederick Cruchley (1796-1880) was a publisher of "some of the clearest and most attractive

London maps" (Howgego). The present map, published on a scale of almost five inches to the mile, was first issued in 1826, with Cruchley re-issuing it several times for the following 20 years, each time updating it with the latest additions.

Cruchley began his cartographic career in the publishing firm of Aaron Arrowsmith. In 1823, he set up on his own at 38 Ludgate Street until 1834, when he moved to 81 Fleet Street. It would appear that he had some help from his former employer, as much of his early output bears in the imprint "From Arrowsmith's". He would later acquire a great deal of Arrowsmith's stock. In 1844, he took over the stock of George and John Cary, which he republished until 1876. In 1877 his entire stock was sold at auction with many of the plates being brought by Gall and Inglis. Cruchley himself passed away in Brighton in 1880.

Scale: 4 7/8 inches to 1 statute mile.

Bibliography

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