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A FINE AND DETAILED PLAN OF EARLY VICTORIAN LONDON

Cruchley's New Plan of London improved to 1843.

Author
CRUCHLEY, G[eorge] F[rederick]

Publication date
1843.

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

Publication place
London,

Physical description
Hand-coloured engraved plan, dissected and mounted on linen, with title and border pasted down, edged in green silk, publisher's advertisements to verso, together with 48pp. index to plan, bound in green cloth, rubbed.

Dimensions
560 by 1430mm (22 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.

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