

Engraved plan on 24 sheets.

JOHN ROCQUE’S MAGNIFICENT MAP OF EARLY GEORGIAN LONDON

A Plan of the Cities of London and Westminster and Borough of Southwark, with the contiguous Buildings. From an Actual Survey taken by John Rocque, Land Surveyor and engraved by John Pine.

Author
ROCQUE, John

Publication date
1746

Publisher
John Pine and John Tinney,

Publication place
London,

Physical description
Engraved plan on 24 sheets.

Dimensions
2100 by 4000mm. (82.75 by 157.5 inches).

Notes
It would appear that John Rocque, a French Huguenot, emigrated with the rest of his family to London in the 1730s, where he began to ply his trade as a surveyor of gentleman’s estates, and with plans of Kensington Gardens, and Hampton Court. However, in 1737 he applied his surveying skills to a much great task, that of surveying the entire built-up area of London. Begun in the March of

1737, upon a scale of 26 inches to 1 statute mile, the map would take nine years to produce, eventually being engraved upon 24 sheets of copper and published in 1746. The plan stretches west to east from Hyde Park to Limehouse and north to south from New River Head to Walworth.

Bibliography
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Provenance

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