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MORDEN AND LEA'S LARGE AND ATTRACTIVE PLAN OF LONDON AND THE SURROUNDING COUNTRY

This Actuall Survey of London, Westminster & Southwark is Humbly Dedicated to Ye Ld Mayor & Court of Aldermen. By Ro. Morden, Phil. Lea, Chr. Browne.

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Dimensions

655 by 1030mm (25.75 by 40.5 inches).

Notes
The most important public buildings are shown in elevation. Amongst them are some notable lost palaces, including Arlington House, on the present day site of Buckingham Palace. The house, built in 1675, was the residence of Henry Bennet, 1st Earl of Arlington. The freehold for the property would be sold to the Duke of Buckingham in 1702. Another palace of note is Montague House, home of the 1st Duke of Montague. It was situated on Great Russell Street, which at the time backed on to fields, and in 1759 was sold to the Trustees of the British Museum. The house would be demolished in the 1840s to make way for the modern day building. A great deal of the outlying area of the map is a patchwork of fields dotted with hamlets, such as Marylebone, St Pancras, and Cambridge Heath. Below the plan are tables giving names of the public offices, wards, and parishes; which before the Fire numbered 97 but only 62 after. There is also information on the halls and companies, markets, inns of court, prisons, palaces, and public buildings. The Thames is depicted teeming with sailing vessels, barges and watermen.

Scale: 7 1/2 inches to 1 statute mile.

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