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THE GREAT LIVERY COMPANIES

A New and Exact Plan of the Cities of London and Westminster & the Borough of Southwark to this present Year 1738. Exhibiting in a neater and more distinct manner not only all the New Buildings to this Year but also a considerable number of Streets Lanes & Alleys Churches Inns of Court Halls Hospitals &c. more than any Map hitherto published. Whereunto are added Rates of Hackney Coachmen and Watermen with several other useful Embelishments.

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Dimensions
570 by 1020mm (22.5 by 40.25 inches).

Notes
A fine plan of London.

The plan is dedicated by George Forster to John Barnard the Lord Mayor of London, and the MPs for London. To the left of the dedication are the arms of the 12 Great Livery Companies. Many of the most important public buildings are shown in elevation, such as Buckingham Palace, St James's Palace, and St Paul's. The Liberties of the City of London are marked by stippling, whilst those of Southwark and Westminster by hatchures. Westminster Bridge is shown but not with the design that would be adopted when it opened in 1750. Below the plan is a description of London, together with the rates and fares of the hackney coachmen and watermen, and a table referring to the various public buildings and churches upon the plan with their grid reference.

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

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