



17th century prospect of Glasgow

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Facies Gicitalis Glascoae ab Austro - The Prospect of the Town of Glasgow from ye South

London, c.1693. Coloured. 270 x 430mm.

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This view of Glasgow from the south across the River Clyde, shows the very distinctive steeple of the Merchants' Hall, completed in 1665. Moving further right (from west to east) the next distinctive building is the squat structure of the Tron Church (1599) with its clock. Next should be the tolbooth (1626), a seven-storey high structure surmounted by a crown spire. Given a rather anonymous shape in the original drawing, it has been mistaken at a later stage for an ecclesiastical building and anachronistically surmounted by a large cruciform symbol. Beyond it are a cluster of spires representing the Old College (1656), the Church of the Blackfriars and the Cathedral.

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