



A pirate edition of Morden & Lea's map of London

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This Actual Survey of London, Westminster & Southwark Is humbly dedicated to ye L.d Mayor & Court of Aldermen.

Amsterdam: Jean Covens & Cornelis Mortier, c.1750. Coloured. Two sheets conjoined, total 595 x 975mm.

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A Dutch copy of Morden & Lea's map, first published in 1690, extending from Hyde Park clockwise to Marylebone, Islington, Hackney, Stepney, Limehouse, Southwark and Lambeth, with many of the important buildings and monuments shown as elevations. The map has been updated with the developments around Grosvenor Square and Cavendish Square, and Westminster Bridge, approved 1736 and opened 1750, is shown. Wren's St Paul's Cathedral is shown realistically, whereas the original only had an artist's impression. However still on the west end of St James's Park is 'Arlington House', which now forms only the southern wing of Buckingham Palace. Under the map are extensive numbered tables corresponding with numbers on the map and detailing Public Offices, Wards, Halls and Companies, Markets, Inns of Court & Chancery, Prisons, Palaces, Public Buildings, Hospitals and Parishes, unupdated.

HOWGEGO: 42, between state iv and v (with Westminster Bridge but without Blackfriars Bridge), but states 3-5 from a completely different plate.



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