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## St. Paul's Covent-Garden. As it appeared on Fire, at eight O'Clock, on Thursday Evening, 17th Sepr. 1795.

**Stock#:** 91270  
**Map Maker:** Laurie & Whittle  
**Date:** 1795  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 15 x 10.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 450.00



### Description:

Scarce engraving showing the conflagration of St. Paul's Church in Covent Garden on September 17th, 1795, as a crowd of onlookers form in the Little Piazza, some atop market stalls.

The fire broke out when plumbers performing repairs left a fire for melting lead unattended on the roof. Costly restoration work on the church had been finished just six years earlier, but the building's fire insurance had not been renewed, necessitating the parish to raise funds for rebuilding.

There is a plate number "22" in the upper left corner. It might be the case that this was a state that was included in an early plate book of London views.

### Detailed Condition:

Engraving on wove paper. A strong, clear impression. Some edge damage at bottom and a marginal tear in the upper left, just entering platemark. Otherwise, a clean image.