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London and its Environs

Stock#: 94843
Map Maker: Wyld
Date: 1872 circa
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 49.5 x 41.5 inches
Price: \$ 2,400.00



Description:

Elevation Overprint Example.

Scarce large-scale map of London and environs by the famed London mapmaker James Wyld. The map covers the area between Tottenham, West Ham, Streatham, and Ealing.

This is an interesting overprint version of the map in which altitudes around the region have been printed in red. A note at the top explains "Levels taken by order of the Commissioners of Sewers" and a further explanation in the lower right says "NOTE. The altitudes are given in feet above the approximate mean water at Liverpool being 12 ½ feet below Trinity High Water mark." The Trinity High Water (THW) mark is a specific standard used in the UK for measuring tidal levels and hence, indirectly, for determining altitudes. This statement indicates that the reference point (the approximate mean water level at Liverpool) is 12.5 feet (12 and a half feet) below the THW mark.

The elevations generally work their way up to the highest points in Hempstead and Highgate.

Detailed Condition:

Segmented folding map, laid on linen. Moderate toning on linen at folds.