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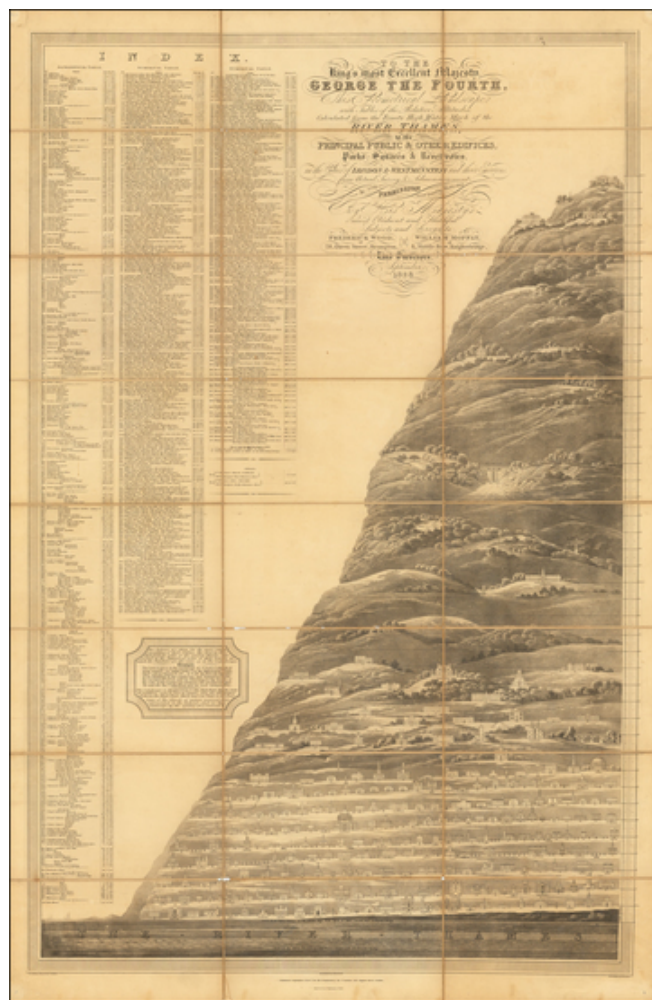
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**To The King's most Excellent Majesty, George the Fourth, This Geometrical Landscape,
with Tables of the Relative Altitudes, Calculated from the Trinity High Water Mark of
the River Thames, to the Principal Public & Other Edifices, Parks, Squares &
Reservoirs, in the Cities of London & Westminster and their Environs, from Actual
Survey & Admeasurement. . . . 1828**

Stock#: 62113
Map Maker: Havell
Date: 1828
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 24 x 37 inches
Price: \$3,500.00



Description:

A Rare Early Robert Havell, Jr. aquatint

Rare illustration of the comparative heights of the various buildings and public places on the River Thames, published by Frederick Wood & William Moffat.



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While extremely rare, the map was apparently impactful at the time of its publication, having hung in the reading room at Guildhall in London. The work is the collaborative effort of several engravers, including

- Buildings Engraved by G. Gladwin
- Writing by W.A. Lind
- Aquatinting by R[obert] Havell, Jr.

The map identifies the altitude of nearly 400 places on the Thames. The map is described in the introduction to the 26th edition of *The Original Picture of London*, at xlix:

This is a highly useful, valuable, and interesting print. It is a large sheet, representing small views of the principal edifices, apparently on the side of a lofty hill, and by figures and scale on the side; the different levels and heights of the buildings are marked. The most lofty site in the immediate vicinity of London is the tavern called Jack Straw's Castle, on the brow of Hampstead Heath, which is by this scale shown to be 443 feet above the Thames. The top of the cross of St. Paul's Cathedral is 407 feet, whilst its base, or ground-line, is 52 feet. The base of the lowest building is that of the Bricklayer's Arms, Kent Road, the sill of the south door of which is only six inches above the high-water mark. The sill of the north entrance-door of Westminster Hall is only 11 inches.

Rarity

It appears that at least 2 editions of the map were issued in 1828 (June and September), all extremely rare.

OCLC locates 2 copies (British Library and University of Glasgow)

Detailed Condition:

Dissected and laid on linen. Minor toning and some thinness in linen folds.