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## (Great Fire of Edinburgh) State of the Parliament Square, At Day-Break of Wednesday the 17th Novr. 1824.

**Stock#:** 92161  
**Map Maker:** Lizars  
**Date:** 1824  
**Place:** Edinburgh  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 9 x 7 inches  
**Price:** \$ 245.00



### Description:

Etching of Edinburgh's Parliament Square the morning after a fire on the corner of High Street and Parliament Close, a secondary outbreak of the Great Fire of Edinburgh, which had started on the 15th. James Braidwood, who would later perish while fighting London's Tooley Street Fire in 1861, had formed a permanent fire brigade in the city two months before the blaze. This view looks east to destroyed tenements, replaced by the Court of Exchequer, completing a plan, first proposed in 1807, that had been blocked by the residents.

Braidwood and his brigade were subjected to an inquiry regarding their response but were exonerated of all blame as public officials had given them contradictory orders. A new regulation was passed, giving the City Firemaster total command of all firefighting operations. The capacity of the brigade expanded as well and within a year, the city gained an additional 52 firecocks.

### Detailed Condition:

Some soiling along edge of top margin of mounting paper and slight soiling in bottom left of image, which is otherwise clean.