



This image depicts a map which Edward Mogg created, circa 1806, of London, England. The original is large, measuring 19.5 inches (49.5 cm) high and 36 inches (91.4 cm) wide. Its title is:

London in Miniature, with the Surrounding Villages Entire New Plan in which the Improvements both present and intended are actually reduced (by permission) from the surveys of the Several Proprietors.

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An extraordinary first edition example of Edward Mogg's important 1806 case map of London, England. Covers the central part of London from Kensington to Greenwich and the East India Docks.

Of this stunning map, Mogg writes "... like the clue of Ariadne, [it] will conduct him through the labyrinth, and, occasionally consulted, will enable him, unattended, to thread with ease the mazes of this vast metropolis."

Mogg's map of London offers extraordinary and beautifully engraved detail throughout noting all streets, parks, and numerous important buildings. Illustrates a relatively primitive state of development on the south shore of the Thames. The downtown area consumed by the London fire of 1666 is highlighted in red.

Mogg's intention in this map is to highlight various city works and urban renewal projects which were being perused in the early 19th century. We have found a few references to various later editions of this map at auction and in libraries, but this is the only first edition we know of to have appeared on the market in the last 35 years.

Note that the "City of London," where Ebenezer Scrooge lives and works, is a very small area of Greater London. On a map, the City seems like a mere speck surrounded by the much-larger metropolis.

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