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### Aberdeen

**Stock#:** 94572  
**Map Maker:** Tallis  
**Date:** 1851  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 13 x 10 inches  
**Price:** \$ 345.00



#### Description:

This vibrant full-color town plan of Aberdeen stands as an excellent exemplar of the work of John Tallis, one of the last great decorative map makers. Embellished with several vignettes featuring significant landmarks, including Castle Street, Old Don Bridge, North Church King Street, and a sailing ship, it adds a splendid view of the city as seen from across the river.

The map hails from the mid-19th century, a time when cartography was undergoing substantial changes. Despite the general shift towards more utilitarian map designs during this period, Tallis held steadfastly to the tradition of ornamented cartography. His dedication to the inclusion of detailed vignettes—small illustrations inset into the map—lends his work its distinctive charm and serves to transport the viewer into the landscape depicted.

The Aberdeen town plan was engraved for R. Montgomery Martin's *Illustrated Atlas*, adding to its historical significance. Martin, a respected historian and author of the 19th century, is well known for his works on the British Empire. The inclusion of Tallis's map in Martin's atlas reflects the high standard of both its aesthetic qualities and geographical accuracy.

#### Detailed Condition:

Minor toning at the edges.