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### Manchester and its Environs

**Stock#:** 94574  
**Map Maker:** Tallis  
  
**Date:** 1851  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 19.25 x 13.75 inches  
  
**Price:** \$ 395.00



#### Description:

Tallis's town plan of Manchester, published in London in 1851, is a visually stunning full-color representation of the city in its Victorian prime. This striking cartographic work, elegantly incorporating detailed vignettes of key city landmarks, holds the distinction of being one of the most decorative and sought-after town plans of Manchester from the 19th century.

Tallis's illustrative capacity is prominently displayed in the map's vignettes, which serve to highlight the city's notable buildings and institutions, thus offering a glimpse into the urban landscape of the era. The Royal Infirmary, Royal Institution, Town Hall, Post Office, Free Library, and Collegiate Church are all beautifully depicted, providing the viewer with a visual tour of the city's architectural achievements and the cultural epicenters of Victorian Manchester.

Historically, this map emerged at a time when Manchester was experiencing rapid growth and transformation during the Industrial Revolution. As a bustling hub of industry and commerce, the city was expanding, and the need for detailed, accurate maps was more important than ever. Tallis's map encapsulates this pivotal moment in the city's history, with every detail meticulously crafted to convey the dynamism and vibrancy of Manchester.

The town plan of Manchester was engraved for R. Montgomery Martin's *Illustrated Atlas*, and is the work of John Tallis, one of the last great decorative map makers. Tallis's maps are highly prized for their wonderful vignettes that depict indigenous scenes and people with exceptional detail. His town plans, however, only appear in a small percentage of his works, which makes this map of Manchester all the more remarkable and harder to obtain than his regional maps. This town plan stands as a testament to Tallis's unique cartographic style, which elegantly combines function and art, making it a significant



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contribution to the world of 19th-century cartography.

**Detailed Condition:**

Trimmed at the top just affecting the decorative border.