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A Balloon View of London (As Seen From Hampstead).

Stock#: 82810
Map Maker: Banks
Date: 1851
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: Good
Size: 42 x 26.5 inches
Price: \$ 2,800.00



Description:

Scarce "balloon view" of London from the north, published in London in 1851 by Banks & Co.

The view was evidently taken from a balloon that was launched from Hampstead Heath, as indicated in the subtitle.

The view allows "individual buildings to be distinguished, and the relationship between railway viaducts and the houses over which they soared is clearly seen on the South Bank. Central London was not yet recognizable in its modern state. A rural air still pervaded Wandsworth and Camberwell' (Glanville 51).

An enormous amount of information is compressed into the image, including street names and renditions of buildings as noted above.

An impressive testament to London's growth as a Victorian metropolis.

Detailed Condition:

Segmented and laid on linen. Minor toning. Scattered wear and abrasion. Good to about VG.