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The Royal Exchange Destroyed by Fire

Stock#: 91963
Map Maker: Darton & Clark
Date: 1838
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 12.4 x 10.2 inches
Price: \$ 345.00



Description:

Fine, original antique lithograph showing the configuration at the Royal Stock Exchange, in London, in 1838.

This event, captured by many different contemporaneous artists in print, was considered one of the most spectacular fires of the 19th century. The Royal Exchange on Threadneedle Street had been established in 1599 and had already been destroyed once before, in 1666. It was rebuilt by Edward Jerman, and it was in this configuration that it was destroyed in 1838.

The fire started in the rooms belonging to Lloyd's before spreading to the rest of the building. The clocktower continued to chime while it burned down, but firefighting efforts were stalled due to the cold. Being January, the firemen's hands froze to their pumps. Following this fire, it was rebuilt by William Tite.

This view was put on stone by J. S. Templeton, printed by Standidge & Co., and sold by Darton & Clark.

Detailed Condition:

Hand-colored lithograph. Minor staining to base and some small closed tears.