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A PROSPECT OF PRE-FIRE LONDON AFTER VISSCHER

£3,250.00

London. Londinum Celeberrimum Angliae Emporium.

Cartographer DE JONGHE, Clement.

Date 1660

Stock #: 24489

Publication: Amsterdam: Clement de Jonghe, c.1660.

Coloured etching. 400 x 505mm.

Condition: A good example.

DESCRIPTION:

A rare panorama of London before the Great Fire, taken from south of the Thames, based on the Visscher view of 1616, with a text praising the beauty of the city in Latin, Dutch and French, and a 43 point key which includes the Norman St Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London, and Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.

Clement de Jonghe (c.1625-1677) was one of the biggest print and map dealers and publishers in Amsterdam at the time. When his stock was put into auction by his widow in 1679, there were over 3,000 copperplates (including 74 of Rembrandt's etchings, probably bought from the artist) and nearly 69,000 books.