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## A RARE 17TH CENTURY PROSPECT OF EDINBURGH ON TWO SHEETS

**£7,000.00**

...Hanc novam Civitatis Regiae, antiquissime et Nobilissime Edinodunesis Tabulam...

<b>Cartographer</b>	GORDON, James.
<b>Date</b>	1694
<b>Stock #:</b>	25601
<b>Publication:</b>	Amsterdam: Frederick de Wit, c.1694. Two sheets conjoined, total 405 x 1050mm.
<b>Condition:</b>	A very fine example.

### DESCRIPTION:

An important and highly detailed prospect of Edinburgh, drawn in 1647 by James Gordon of Rothiemay (c.1615-86), famed for helping Johannes Blaeu publish the first atlas of Scotland in 1654. Orientated with north to the top right, it shows from the Castle to Holyrood Palace, with keys (a-z & 1-58, in both Latin and in English) naming important buildings and the warren of passages and closes. This incredible detail made it the standard image of Edinburgh for a century.

When this prospect was engraved is uncertain, as de Wit only signs it as publisher of his Townbook of Europe. The National Library of Scotland has an example (EMS.s.52.) without de Wit's name, which they date to c.1647.