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A SCARCE 18TH CENTURY GERMAN PROSPECT OF LONDON

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Londen, die vornehmste u. Residenz Stadt der Könige in Engelland.

Cartographer Anonymous.

Date 1790

Stock #: 18483

Publication: Löbau? c.1790. 195 x 310 mm.

Condition: A good example.

DESCRIPTION:

An unusual prospect of London, apparently an amalgam of two views from before and after the Great Fire of 1666. The City churches, including Wren's St Paul's Cathedral, are taken from the famous Kip prospect of 1720, as well as the key; however, as this view omits the South Bank, Southwark comes from a much earlier view and still includes Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, which was closed by the Puritans in 1642 and pulled down three years later.

For some reason the publishers chose to put a medallion portrait of German king Conrad III (1093-1152) above the prospect.