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NASH'S PLANNED LAYOUT OF REGENT STREET

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A Plan of the intended New Street between Pall Mall, opposite Carlton House, and Portland Place. Abstracted from the Drawing presented to the Hon. House of Commons.

Cartographer	LUFFMAN, John.
Date	1814
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Condition:	Trimmed from a larger sheet, laid on old paper.

DESCRIPTION:

A scarce plan showing John Nash's original layout of Regent Street in London, published before it had even been given a name. It shows the new road in yellow, carving through the existing buildings and roads.

Regent Street was originally designed to link the Prince Regent's home in Carlton House (and his stables at the Royal Mews, now the site of the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square) with his new 'Regent's Park' via Portland Place. However this plan shows an ulterior motive: the rebuilding of the area (knocking down 765 house, 449 of which belonged to the Crown) would increase the income from ground rent from £4,500 a year to £32,000.