



The Great Seal of Richard Cromwell, with a prospect of London

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The Great Seal the Lord Protector Richard.

London: George Vertue, 1753. 210 x 150mm.

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An engraving showing the Great Seal of England, used by Richard Cromwell (son and briefly successor of Oliver Cromwell) at the end of the Commonwealth, within an invented rococo border. It shows Cromwell on horseback before pre-Fire London. The maker of this seal (and others for Charles I, the two Lord Protectors and Charles II) was Thomas Simon (c.1623-65), chief engraver of the Royal Mint. This engraving by Vertue was published in 'The Medals, Coins, Great Seals and other Works of Thomas Simon'.

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