



Illustrations of St Paul's Cathedral with a pre-Fire prospect of London

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[Illustrations of the Norman St Paul's Cathedral and Wren's replacement, with a prospect of London.]

London: John Bowles, 1731. 390 x 460mm.

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A collection of views of the original Norman St Paul's Cathedral, destroyed on the Great Fire of 1666, and Sir Christopher Wren's replacement, completed 1716, which still dominates London's skyline. Underneath is a pre-Fire prospect of London from the Thames after Visscher. The plate was originally published in 1658, before the Great Fire, with verse by the poet Edward Benlowes (1603-76). For this edition, published in 'London Described', the poetry has been removed and the three elevations of the new cathedral put in its place.

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