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QUOTE CARDS: *Voices of the time*



***Diary of John Bragg, shoemaker, 1771-1794***

Whitehaven 60 years ago consisted of ten cottages; now there are above 450 families in the town, or 2,270 inhabitants.

The inhabitants suffered for want of a church, and cheerfully contributed to a new church.

The people depend on the church.

***The New Manchester Guide, 1815***

The city started to grow in the last century. In 1708 a new church was built, St Ann's, and in 1753 a further new church was built: St Mary's.

Every year new churches, chapels, streets, dwelling-places, squares and places of amusement arise.

***Rowland Broomhead, Catholic priest, Manchester, 1806***

We need another chapel. We have two at present which are insufficient for the congregation.

We have three large congregations of Catholics without priests in the region.



***Printed advert: 'To the Benevolent Christian', Carlisle, 1806***

Upon account of a great number of Catholic people arriving at the city of Carlisle, a new chapel was created. It is now inadequate and can only hold half of the Catholics of the city.

We seek funds to build a more commodious place for worship and learning about our religious duties.

***Journal of R. Battersby, Methodist preacher, 1821-1831***

Some preachers went to Oldham market and preached to a very crowded congregation.

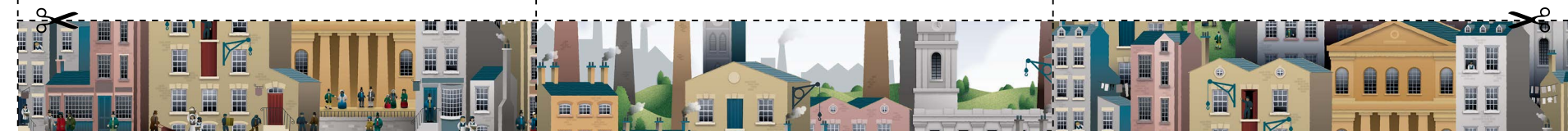
I walked through the docks at Liverpool and was struck with wonder and amazement. There are preachers from many different Christian groups. A ship has been made into a floating chapel.

***James Wallace, describing Liverpool, 1796***

There are twelve churches and one synagogue, well-designed and elegant.

St George's church, consecrated in 1734, is used by the mayor and principal inhabitants.

St Paul's church, consecrated in 1769, was built at the expense of the inhabitants.



***The Stranger in Liverpool, 1812***

At the beginning of the last century the town was mean and contemptible. Two churches were sufficient.

The building of churches has progressed in proportion to the city's astonishing accumulation of wealth.

There are now numerous and splendid public structures for devotion, charity, pleasure and business.

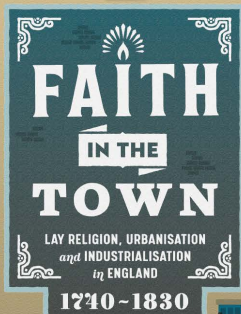
***F.T. Billam, A Walk Through Leeds, 1806***

Besides the parish church there are four other churches. Eight of the townships have an Episcopal Chapel.

There are also eight Meeting Houses, one Presbyterian, one Unitarian, three Calvinist Independents, one Scotch Seceders, one Baptist and one Quaker, as well as two large Methodist chapels and a Roman Catholic Chapel.

***John Ryley, The Leeds Guide, 1806***

The town contains five Churches of the established religion; a Scotch Church; three Independent Chapels; a Quaker Meeting House; two Presbyterian Chapels; three Methodist Chapels; a Baptist Meeting; a Roman Catholic Chapel; and an Inghamite Chapel.



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‘At the beginning of the year 1799 I got acquainted with Frank Lambert, a Spinning master, he was of the Baptist Religion, & was frequently talking of religion. I likewise pretended to defend the Church of England though I seldom went to church, but was much attached to it for all that...

This Sumer [1799] Frank Lambert, invited me to go to his Chapple with him. I promised I would, but did not intend. But he came to call on me, & I went with him, I liked the Sermon very well, & thought there was something more in religion than I had thought of, I went again. This Sermon came home to my Conscience, I now was fully convinced that I was a sinner, & if I dies in that state I should be lost - I now began to pray for the first time - I had constantly Sade my Prayers, & repeated the appostles Creed &c but was an intire stranger to real religion, but I was dreadfully tempted that my day of grace was past, and it was too late for me to pray now.

In august I went with frank to Sit & talk with the Preacher. I was much pleased & encouraged by this discourse &c, the preacher sade that none need dispair that wish to come to the Saviour.

**Diary of Benjamin Shaw,**  
*a mechanic living in Preston, 1799*

Soon after this god was Mercifull, & spoke Peace to my Soul, & now I found that Peace with god which Passeth all understanding, & rejoiced all the day long, & saw every thing in a new light... I now read the Scriptures with great delight, & recomended them to my wife, & my father, who was my constant companion &c, my father soon after this received the like precious Blessing &c. we now constantly conversed together on devine Subjects, & our lives went on Happaly together.’



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‘...I would likewise direct your attention to the grievous profanation of the sabbath day. From morning till evening on this sacred day, in all parts of the Borough, young men and boys are in every way that can be mentioned, insulting the God of heaven and earth; by fighting themselves; fighting dogs; fighting cocks; playing at pitch and toss; and every other unlawful game; which things might be prevented, by persons who witness such offences in their several neighbourhoods, giving information to the Magistrates. I hope those of you who have children will endeavour to restrain them from vice and bad company, and impress upon their minds that it is their duty to keep holy the sabbath day.

I conceive that one great cause of our young people being so inattentive to the duties of the sabbath is, the bad example set them by numbers of the adult part of our population; who instead of attending some place of worship, spend their time in standing in groups in the streets, or saunter about in the fields near the Town.

I beg leave to inform those persons who pay little or no regard to the Lord’s day, that there is a law now in force, and which the Magistrates have power to act upon, which

**Thomas Allen,**

*‘Address to the Mechanics and Working Classes of the Borough of Macclesfield’,  
October 1825.*

subjects all persons, above the age of sixteen years, who, without reasonable excuse, shall neglect to attend any place of worship, first, to a fine of one shilling and expenses; secondly to a fine of twenty pounds; and thirdly, to be obliged to find two sureties to be bound with them in two hundred pounds, for their regular attendance at Church, or some other place of worship.’





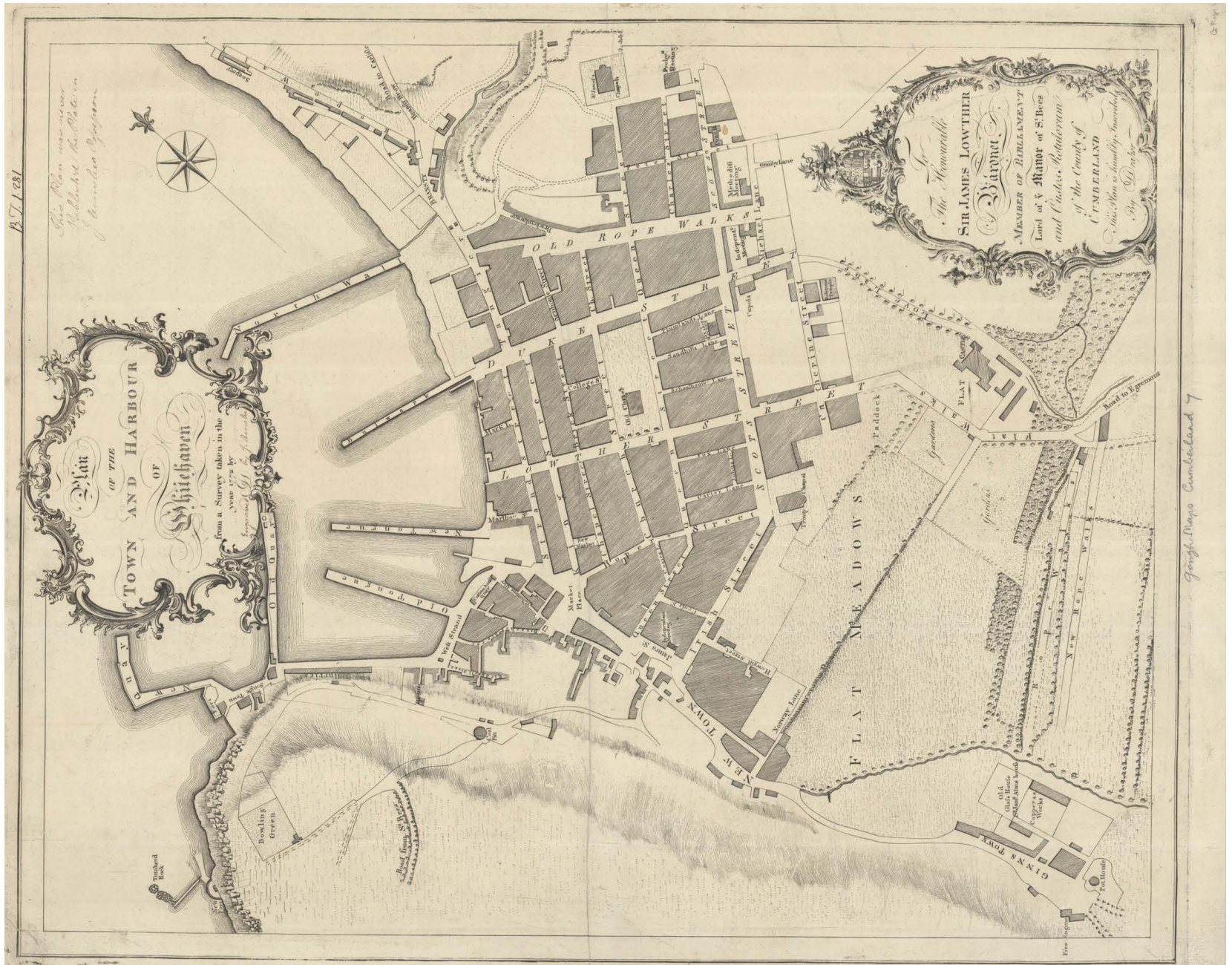
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Read, 'Whitehaven, Cumbria' (1736)

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Draper, 'Plan of the town and harbour of Whitehaven' (1772)

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Anon., 'Plan of Whitehaven' (1830)



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### *Diary and manuscript book of John Bragg*

*Bragg was a shoemaker and Quaker living in Whitehaven in the 1780s and 1790s.*

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‘The Case of the Inhabitants of the Town and Port of Wt.haven...

Situated on the Sea Shore near Four Miles distant from the Parish Church; which said Town about Sixty Years ago Consisted but of Nine or Ten Thatch’d Cottages...

That there are now above Four Hundred and Fifty Familys in the said Town producing in all Two Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy-Two Inhabitants... depending on their Trade at Sea...

The said Town is of Late Years, very much Improved in Trade’

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### *A letter from Henry Vernon to his ‘Dear Sister’, 5 March 1825*

*Henry Vernon was visiting Liverpool from Lancaster.  
He has left no other clues about his life.*

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‘...the few hours of my stay in Liverpool were spent in cursorily examining some of the wonders of that delightful town...

As this was the first seaport I have ever seen the novelty of seeing the river and the artificial basins on its banks crowded with vessels of every description and from every part of the globe amused & surprized me as it would be likely to the very inexperienced.’

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Eyes and Kitchin, 'Plan of Liverpool' (1765)

An Elevation of the South Front of the Exchange.

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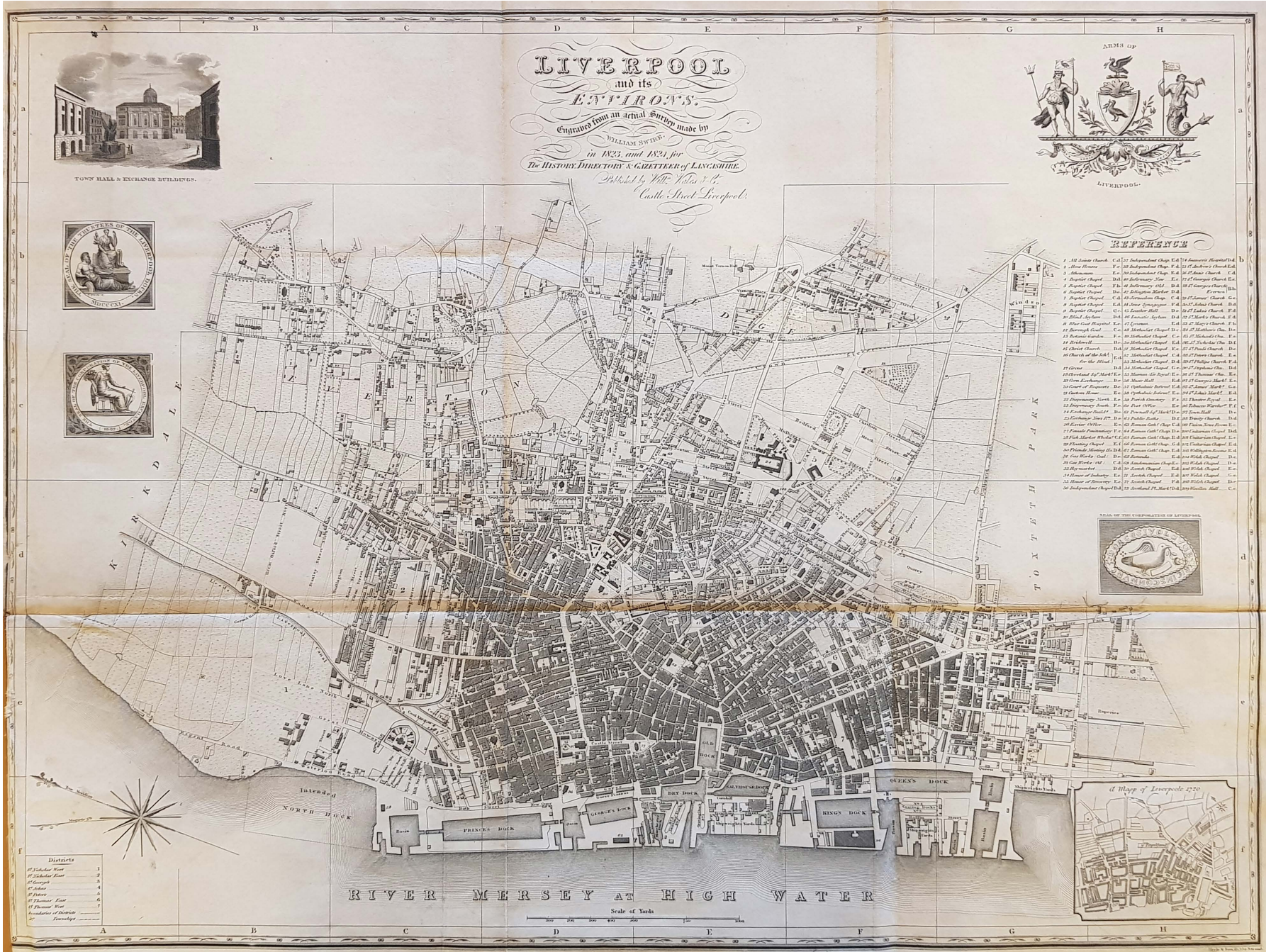
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*Liverpool, taken from the opposite side of the River.*

*Drawn & Engraved by Will<sup>m</sup> Daniell.*

*Published by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Longman & C<sup>o</sup> Paternoster Row & W. Daniell, 9 Cleveland St. Fitzroy Square, London, Oct. 1. 1815.*

**Daniell, 'Liverpool taken from the opposite side of the River' (1815)**

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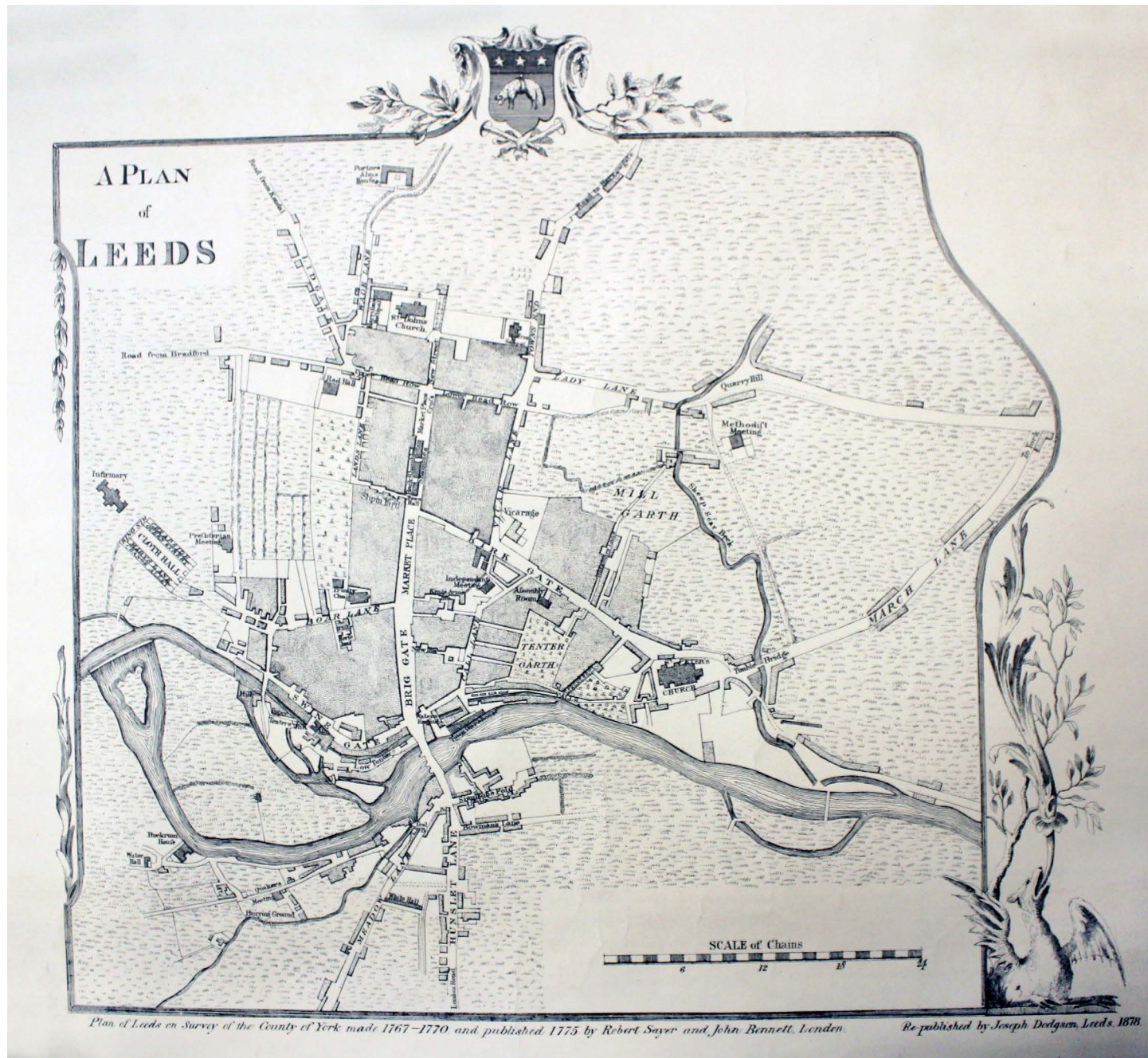
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Anon., 'View of Liverpool' (1779)



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Plan of Leeds on Survey of the County of York made 1767-1770 and published 1775 by Robert Sayer and John Bennett, London

Re-published by Joseph Dodgson, Leeds, 1878.

Sayer and Bennett, 'A Plan of Leeds' (1775)

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Netlam and Giles, 'Plan of the Town of Leeds' (1815)



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Fowler, 'Plan of the Town of Leeds' (1831)

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Baines and Newsome, 'Map of Leeds' (1839)



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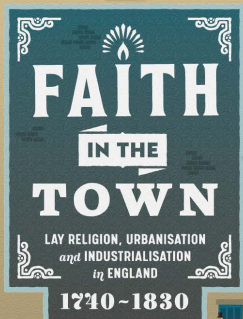
Aston, 'A plan of Manchester and Salford' (1804)

***Extract from Manchester As It Is: Or, Notices of the Institutions, Manufactures, Commerce, Railways, etc. of the Metropolis of Manufactures (Manchester, 1839).***

*Manchester As It Is* was an early kind of guide book.

‘In the year 1774, according to a census then taken, the parish of Manchester contained 41,032 inhabitants; according to the parliamentary census of 1831, it contained a population of 270,961. Eight years have elapsed since that period, and it may fairly be presumed that the present population will amount to at least three hundred thousand souls! Such an increase to take place in a period within the memory of many individuals, is perhaps unparalleled. There are many old inhabitants living who recollect the town when very circumscribed in its limits...

It is within the last sixty years that Manchester has multiplied its population by seven, and has risen from comparatively a small town to be one of the most populous and important places in the world’.



## *Christopher Thomson, The Autobiography of an Artisan (1847)*

Thomson was born in Kingston-upon-Hull in 1799, in the parish of Sculcoates, which ‘was far enough away from the noise and bustle that necessarily belong to such towns, and might be called, as indeed it was, “out in the country”’.

By the time Thomson returned in 1845 Sculcoates had been swallowed into the town: ‘Piles of red bricks had taken the place of the green fields, and columns of smoke, vomited from stacks of chimneys, mingling with the murky sky, filled the clear blue overhead...

I turned slowly away, inwardly debating upon the stern necessity that had converted the garden of my boy-days into a huge pile of brick, wherein half-starved artisans were huddled in ignorance, scarcely aware of the beauties that adorn God’s world’.



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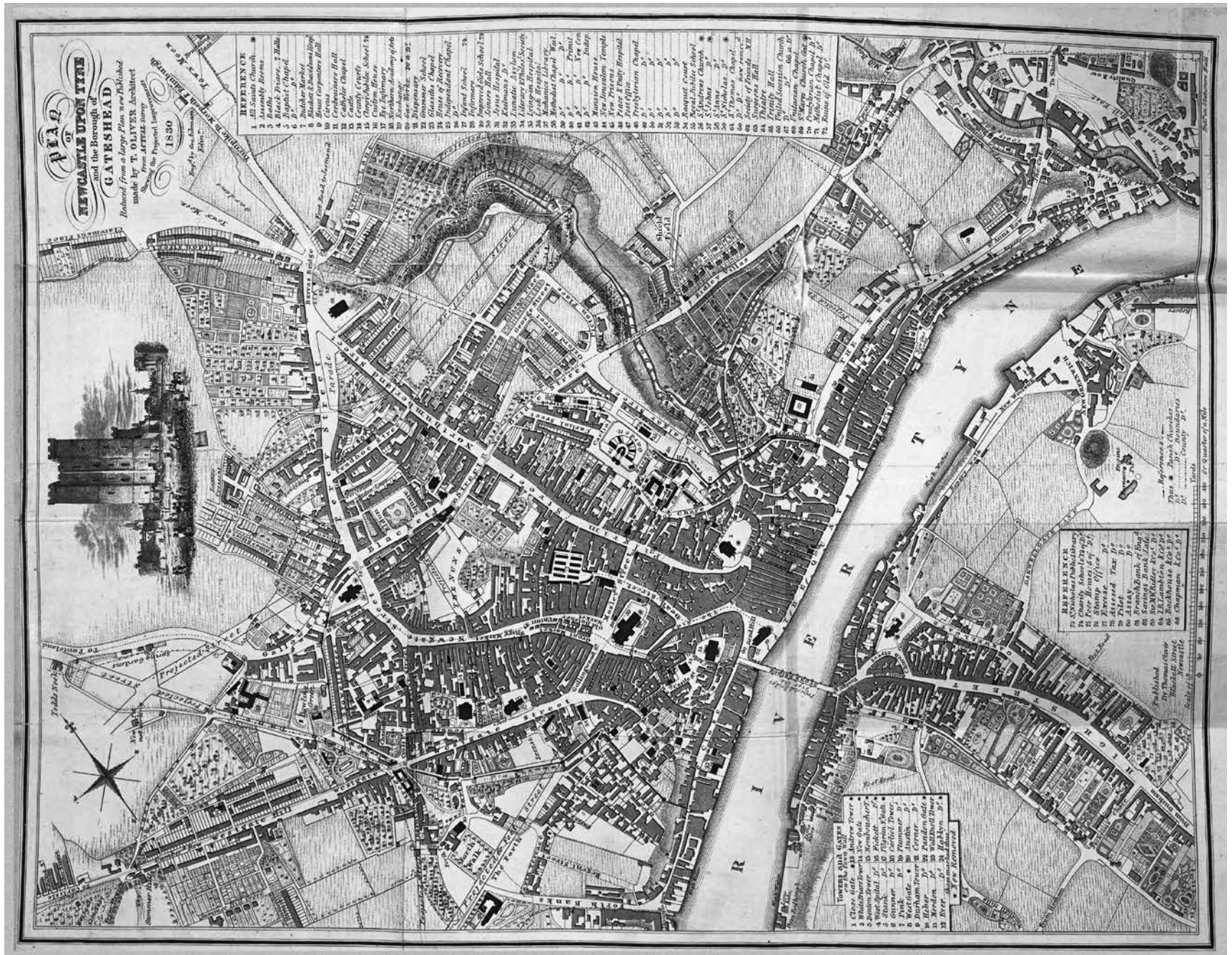


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Oliver, 'Plan of the town and county of Newcastle upon Tyne' (1830/1)



*Buck and Buck, 'Prospect of Newcastle' (1731-48)*



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*Sketch'd by J. Bailey*  
To the Right Worshipful  
the Recorder, Aldermen, Sheriff and Common Council of the Towns and  
Is most gratefully Incribed by their very obliged and most  
Aptal, July 25<sup>th</sup> 1783.

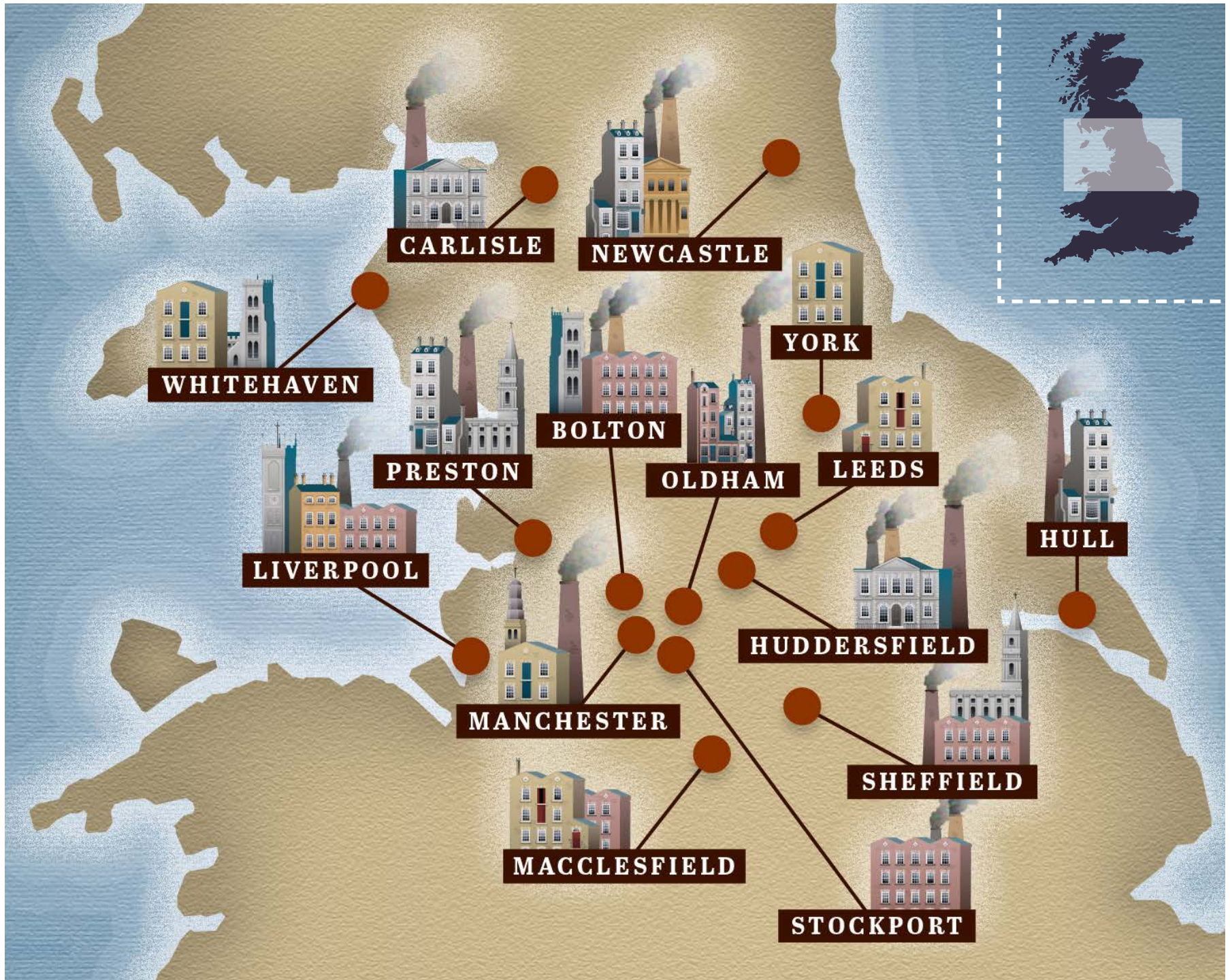
*Drawn & Engraved by J. Fittler*  
Sir Matthew White Ridley Bar<sup>t</sup> Mayor,  
County of the Towns of NEWCASTLE upon TYNE, this View of that Town, taken  
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devoted faithful humble Servant, John Brand.

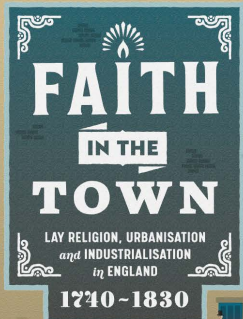
Bailey and Fittler, 'View of Newcastle' (1783)

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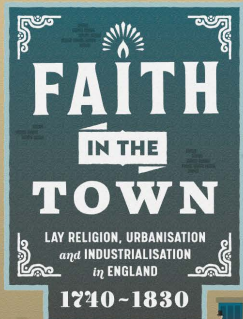
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