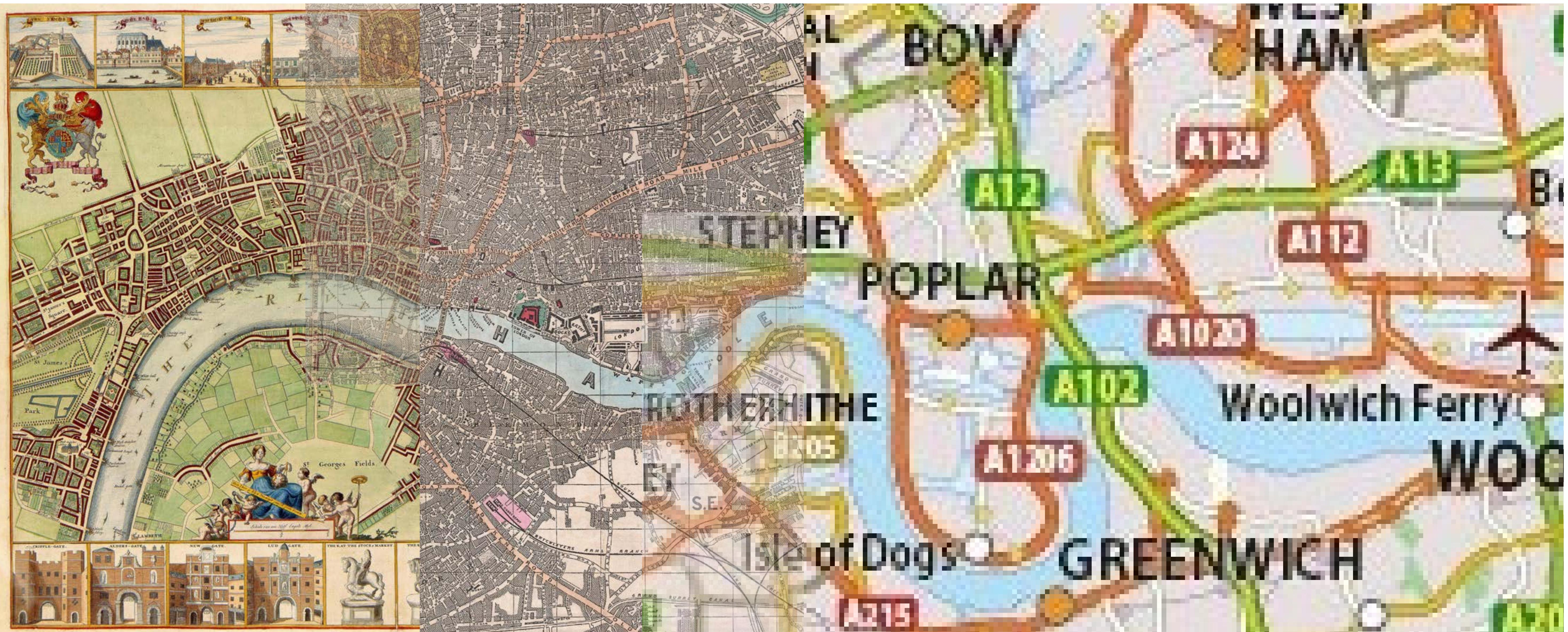


# London: The Quilted City

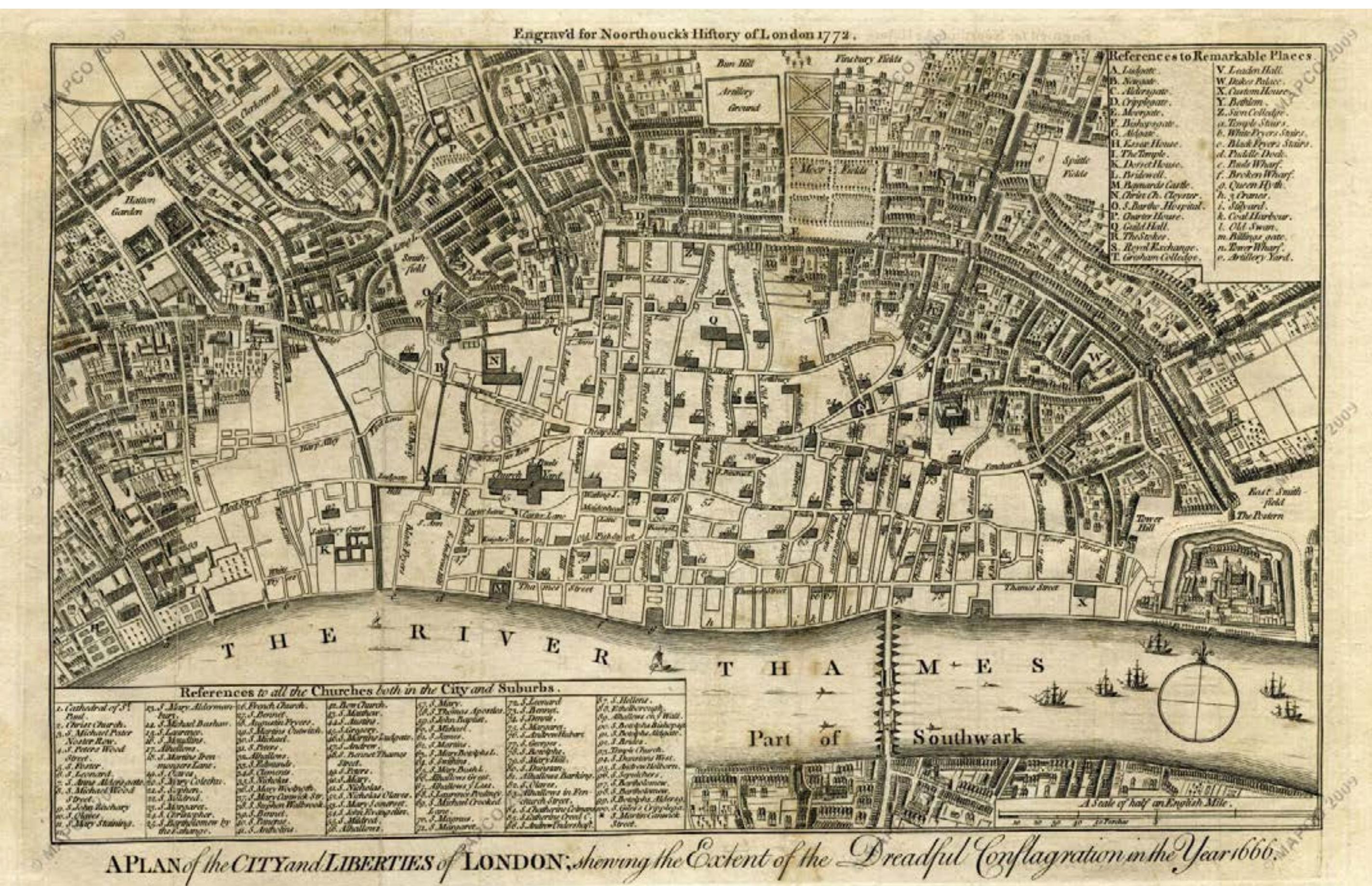
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# 1666: The Great Fire



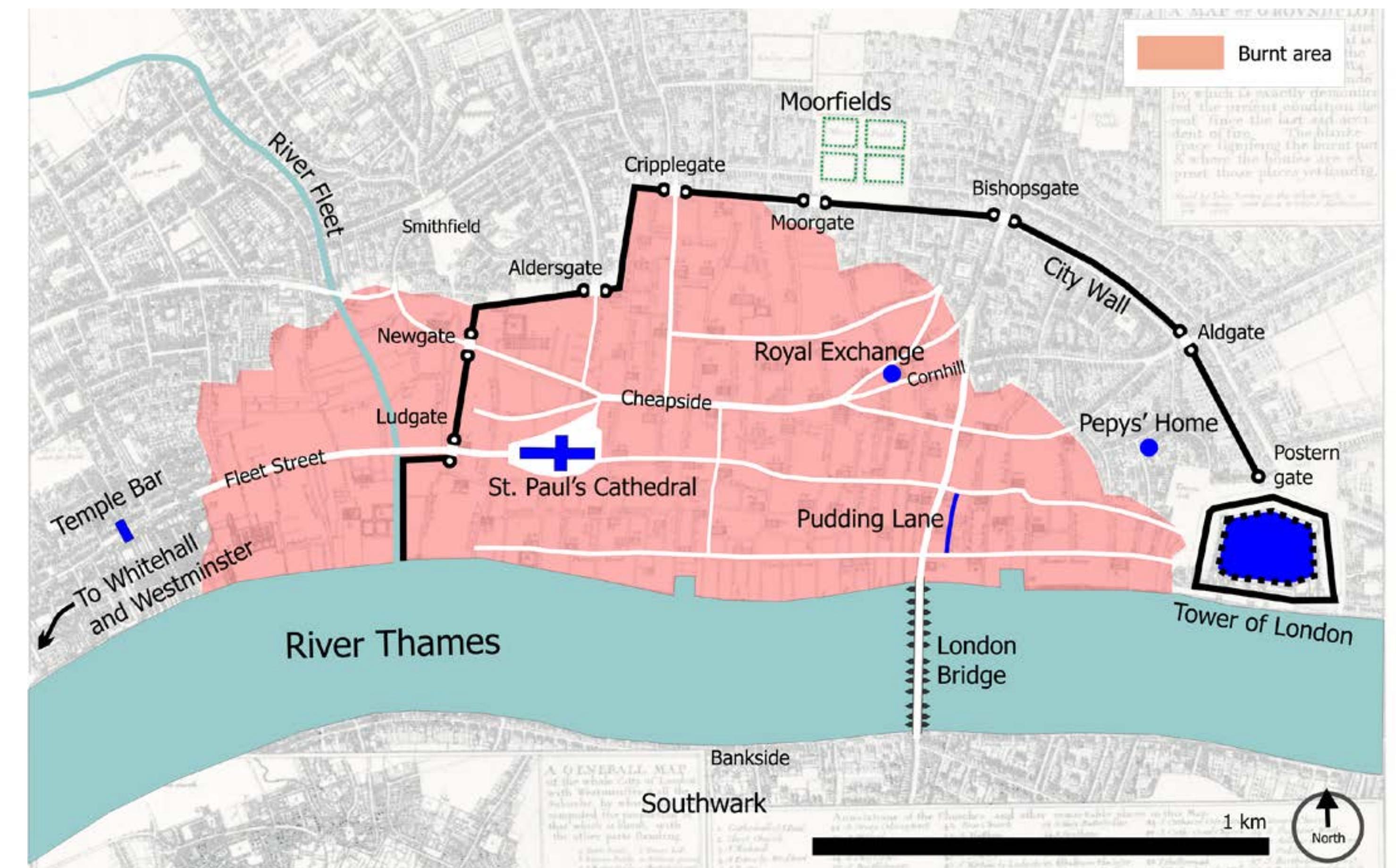
London c.1630



London after the Great Fire of 1666: Visualization of surviving buildings

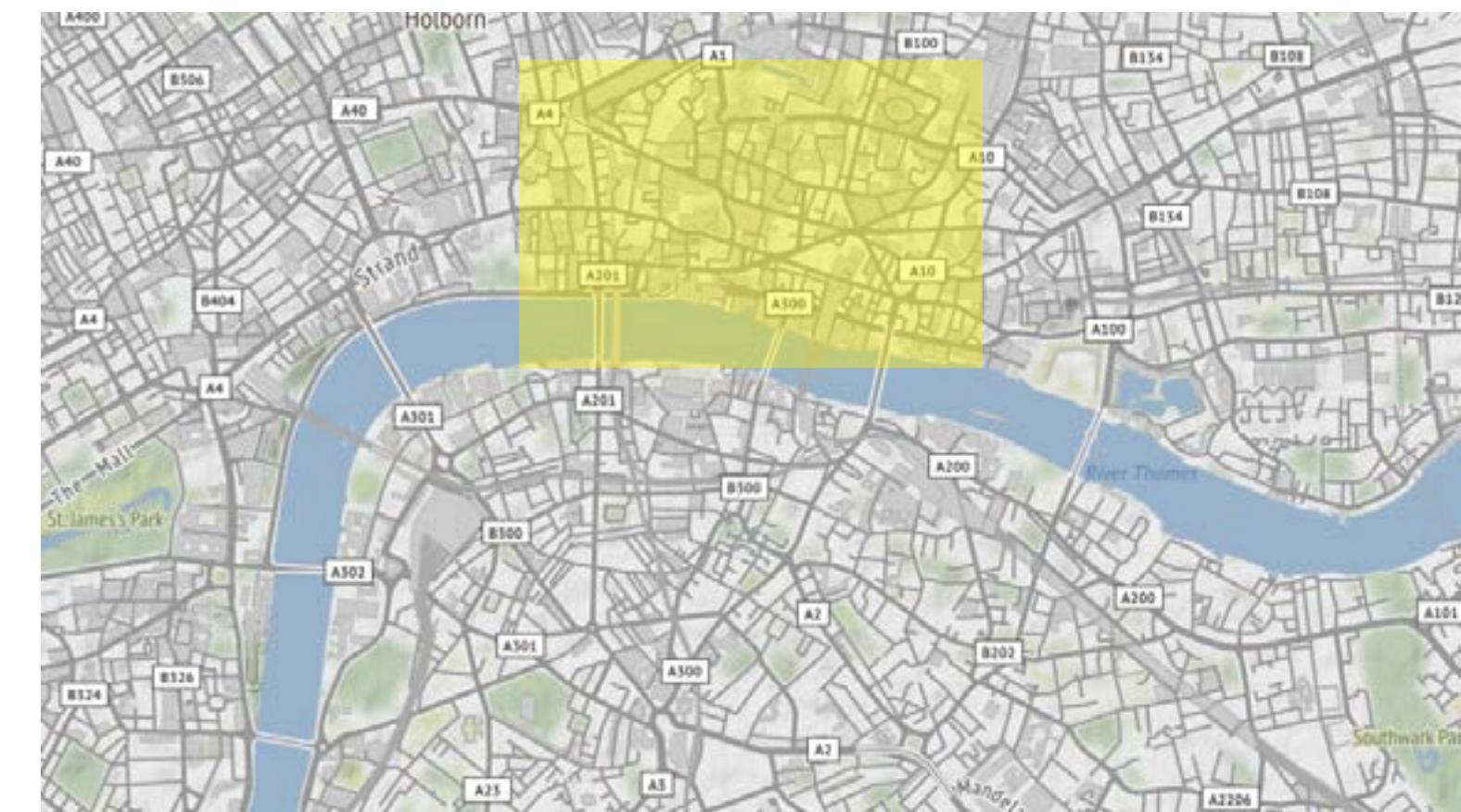
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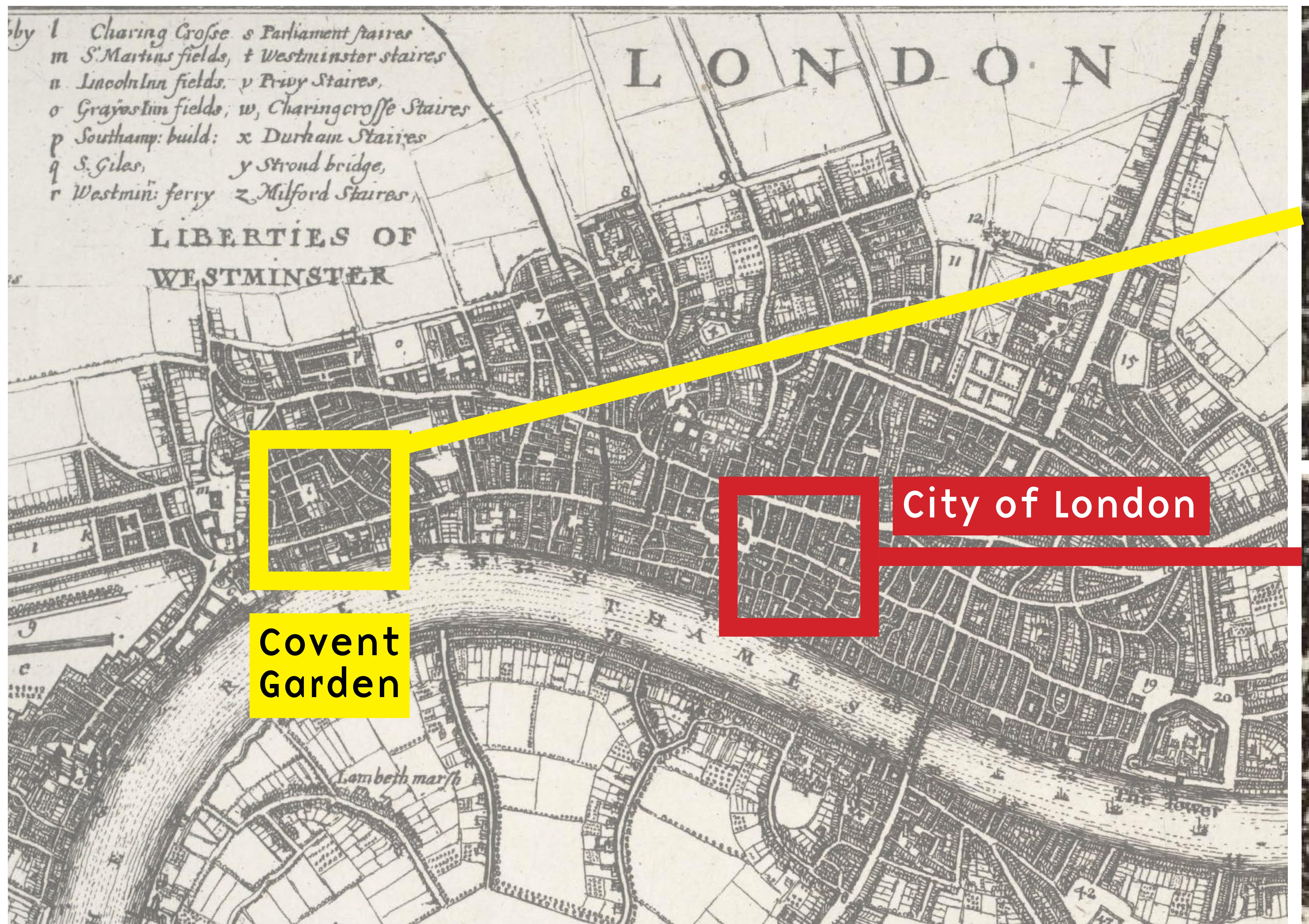
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Fire damage highlighted

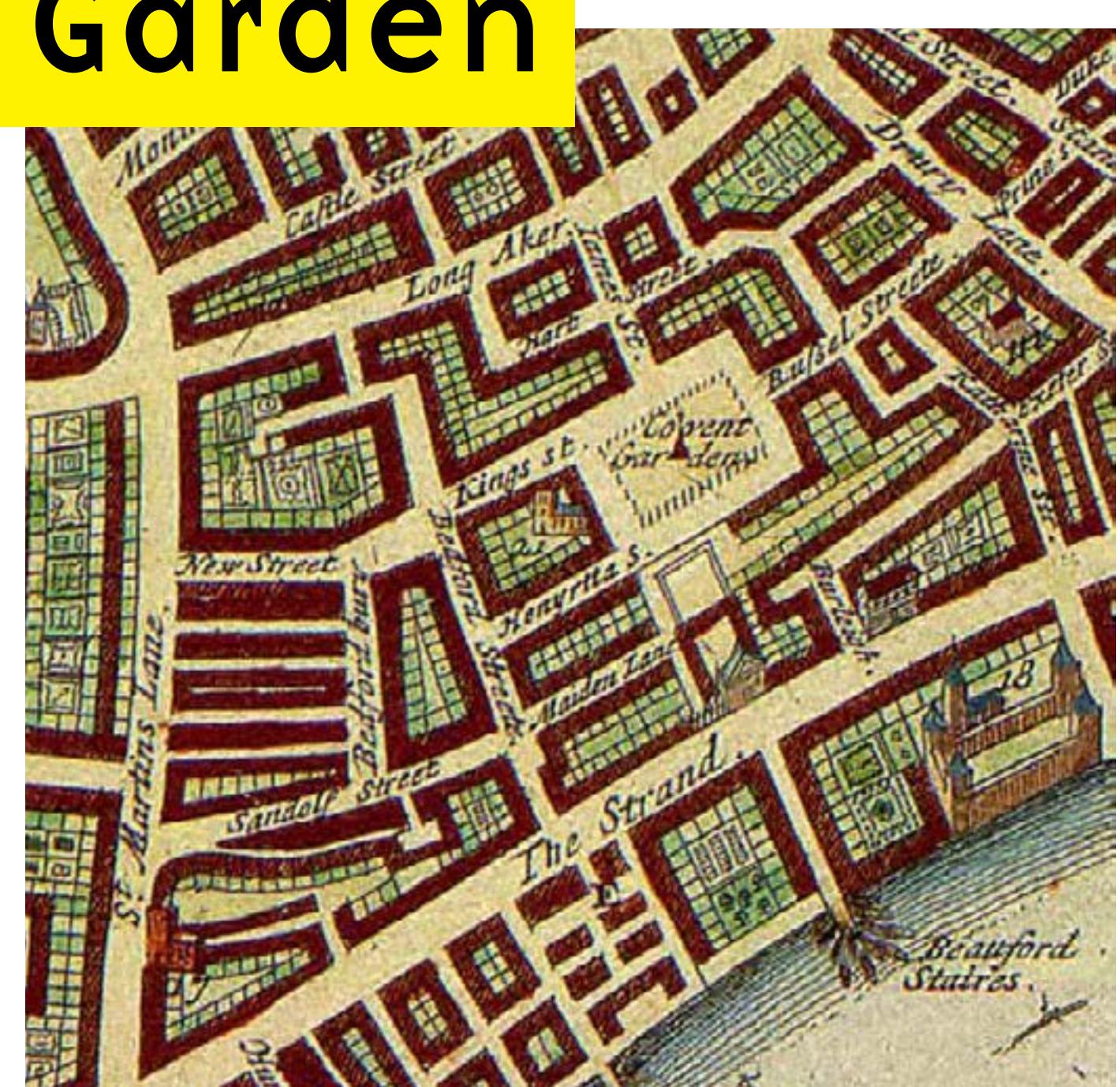
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+ Resilience of the city can be seen in the reconstruction

+ Reconstruction of London after the fire consisted of paving over existing streets



Covent Garden



City of London

+ Overall disregard for city-wide plans developed byw Christopher Wren, et al.

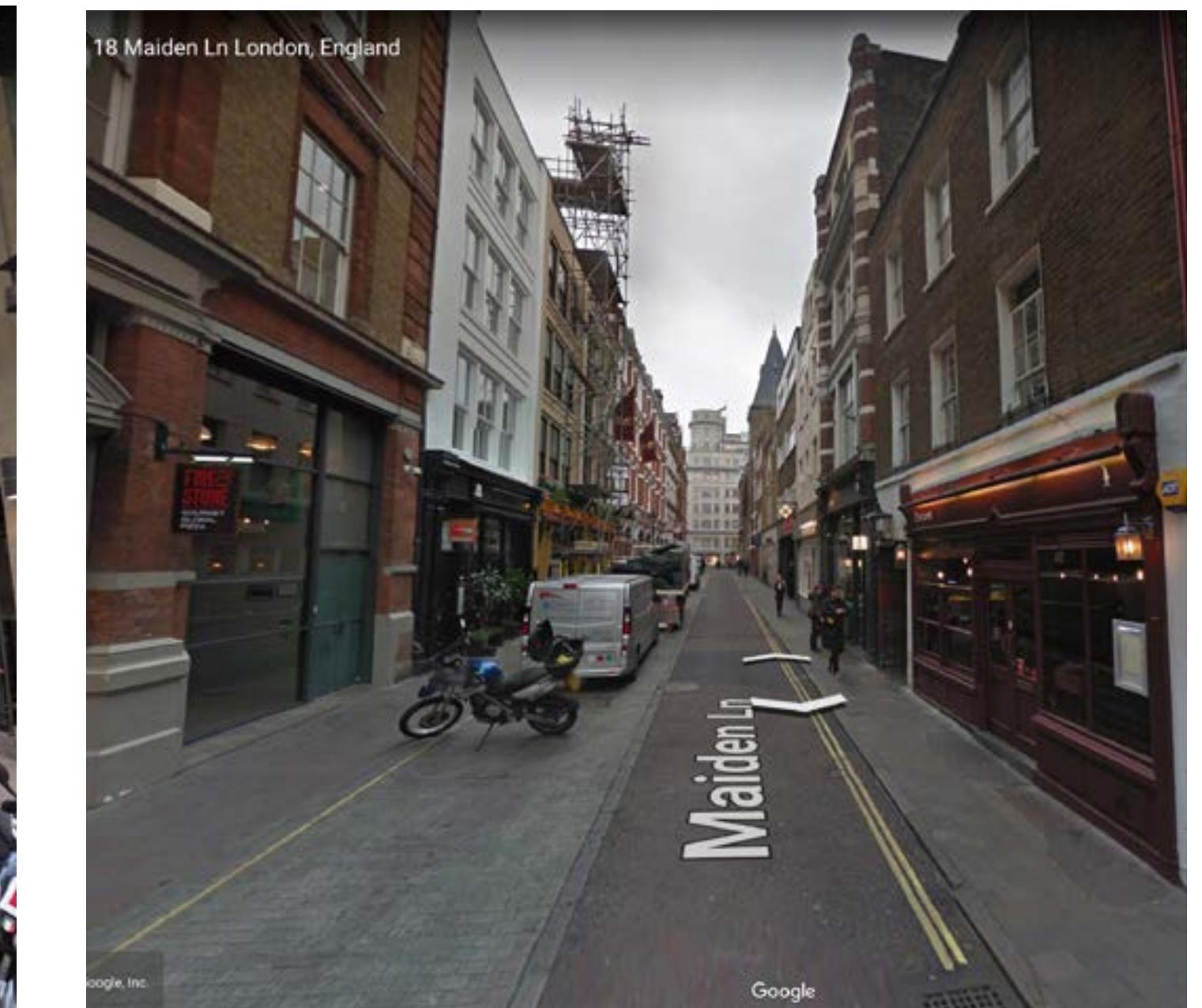
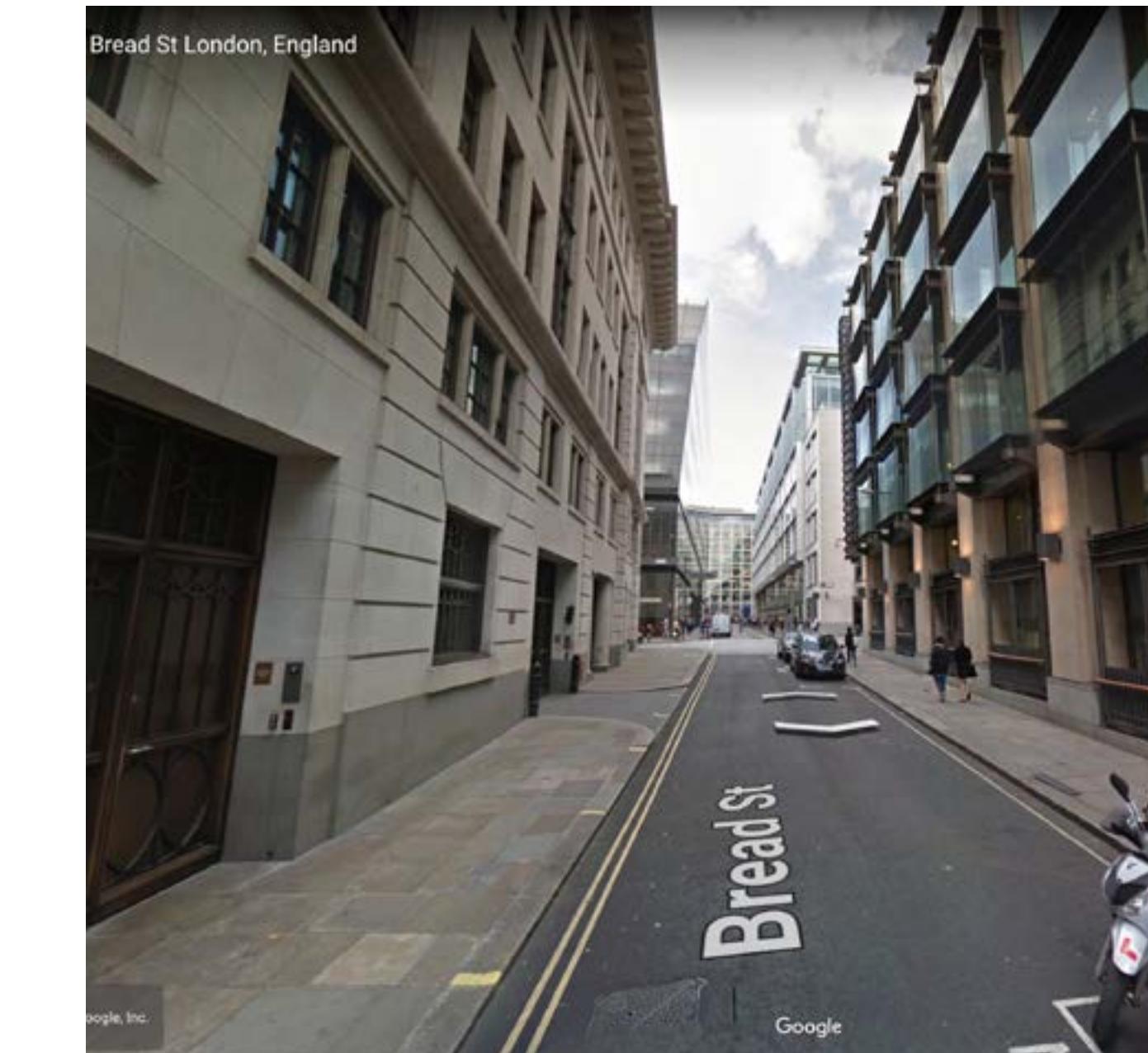


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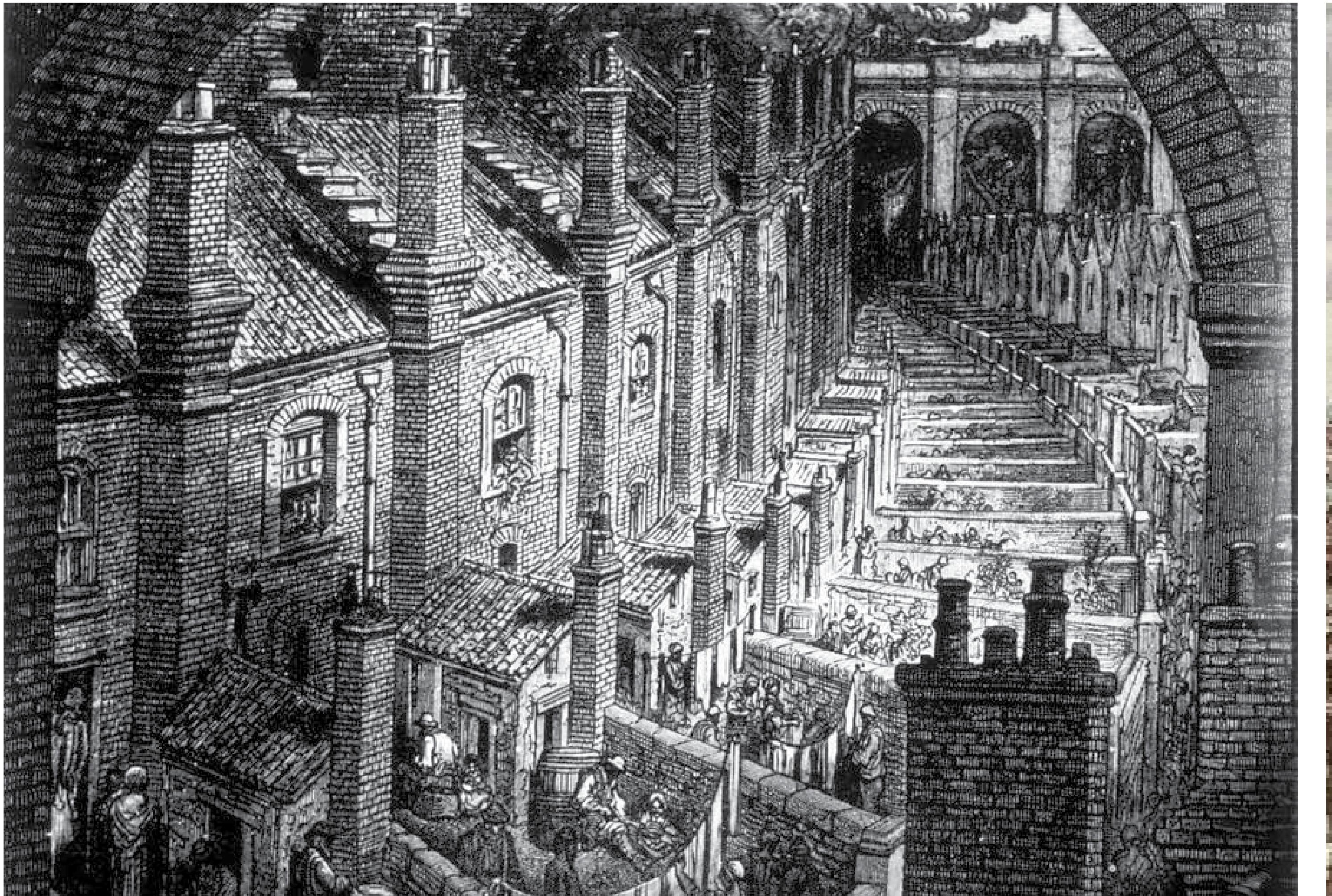
Rebuilding Act of 1667:  
No timber – Stone or brick.  
No hanging signs  
No thatch roofing  
Widening of street  
No overhanging floors



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# 1858: The Great Stink



London slum housing



Working river: “less ebb than ooze”



*The Invisible Highway-Man*

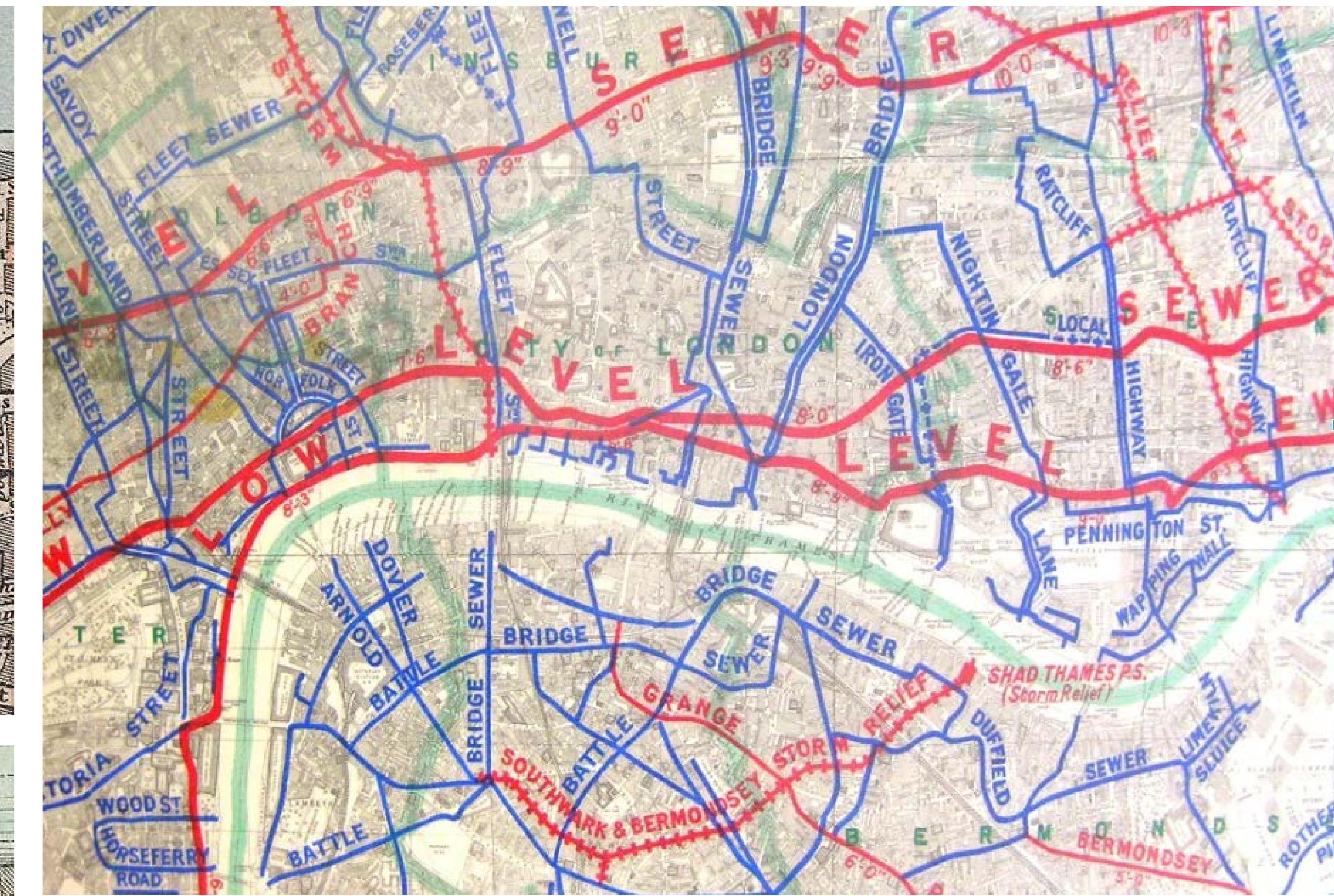
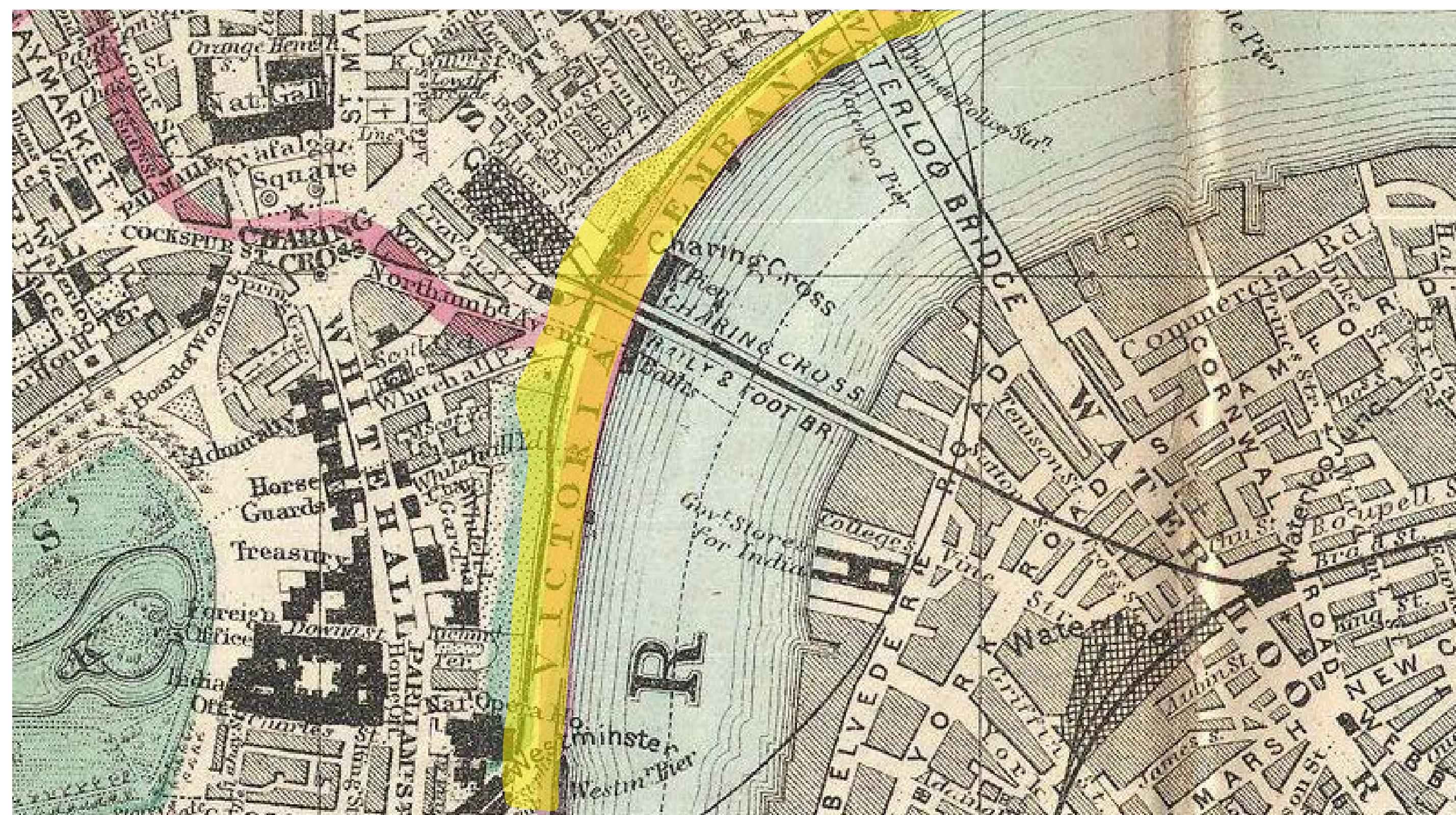
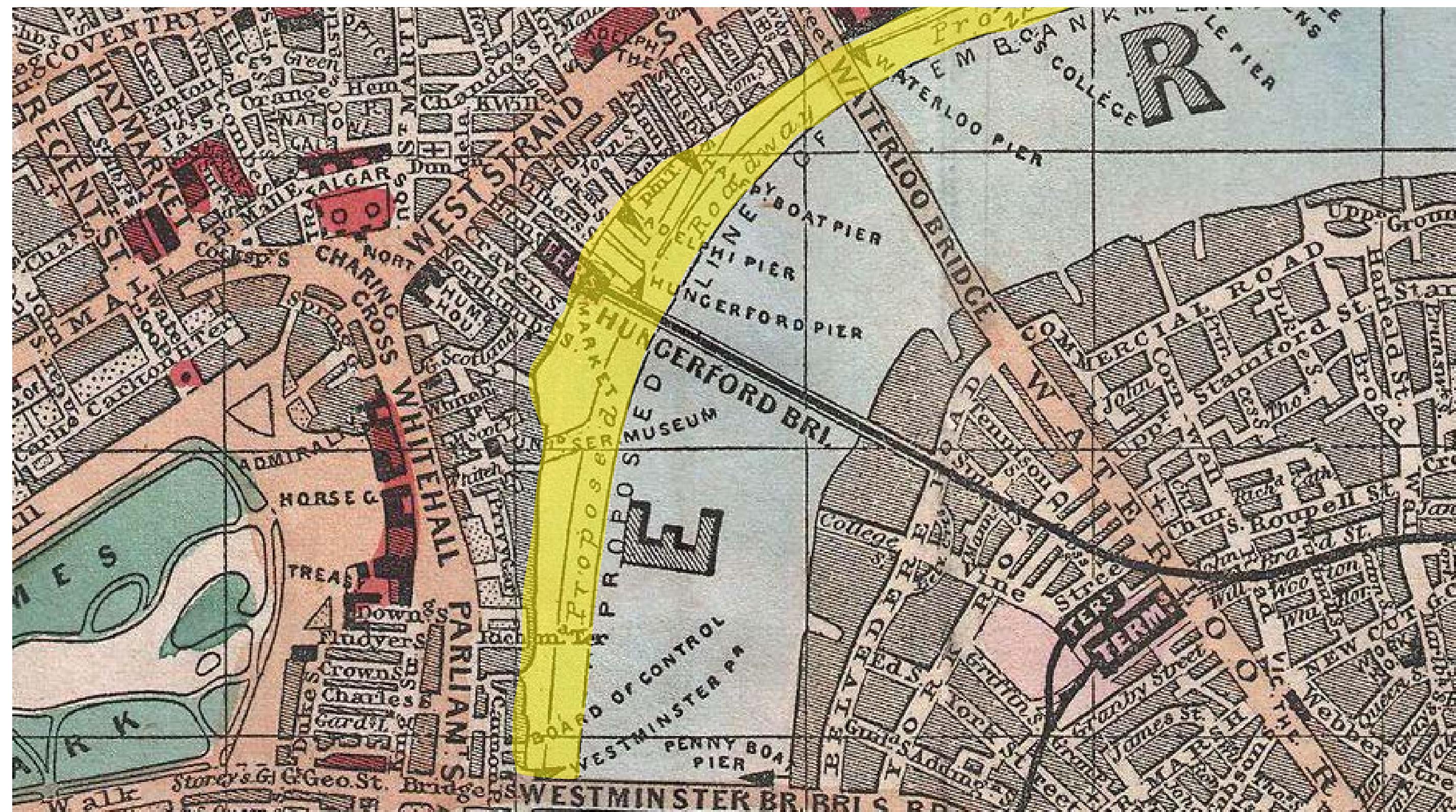
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- + Massive industrialization along the Thames
- + Exploding population (1.5 million to 2 million in 20 years leading up to 1858)
- + Thames saturated with cargo, polluted with human and industrial waste
- + Cholera outbreak resulting from lack of sanitation
- + 30,000 deaths

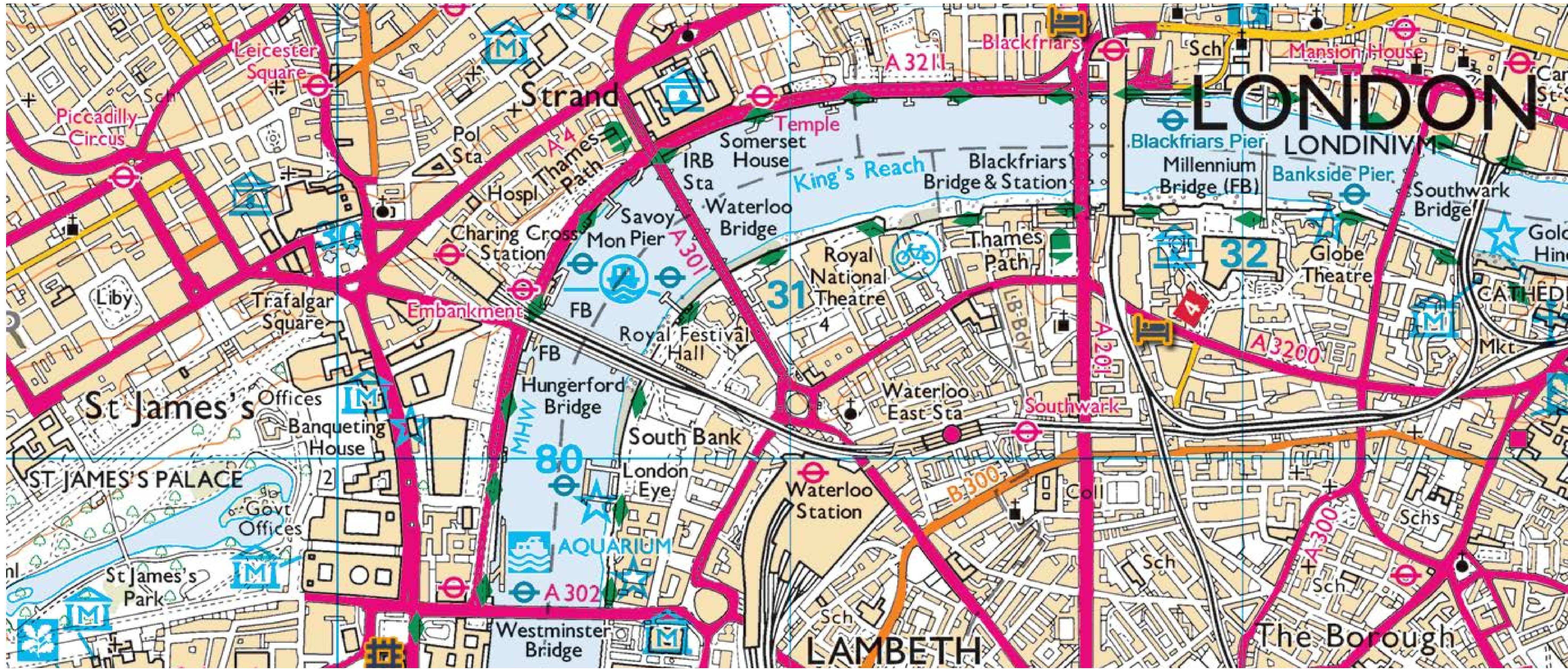
+ Victoria Embankment first component to be built as a solution to the sewage crisis



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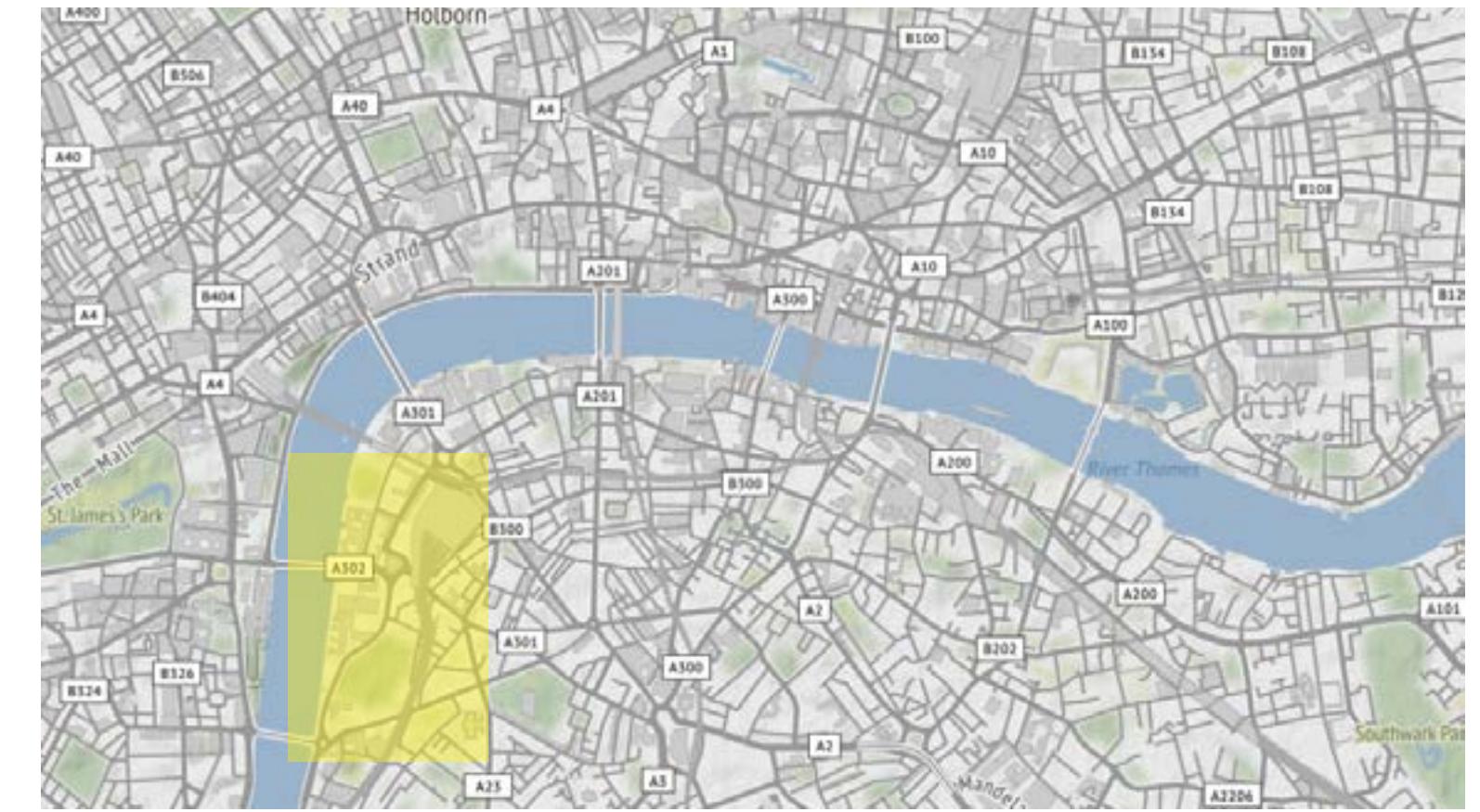
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+Victoria Embankment now  
a center for infrastructure,  
and a major thoroughfare for  
road and pedestrian traffic

+Underground stations,  
bridges and roads, piers,  
tourist attractions

# 1940: The Blitz



**Composite image:  
The Blitz and now**

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**Southbank after the Blitz**

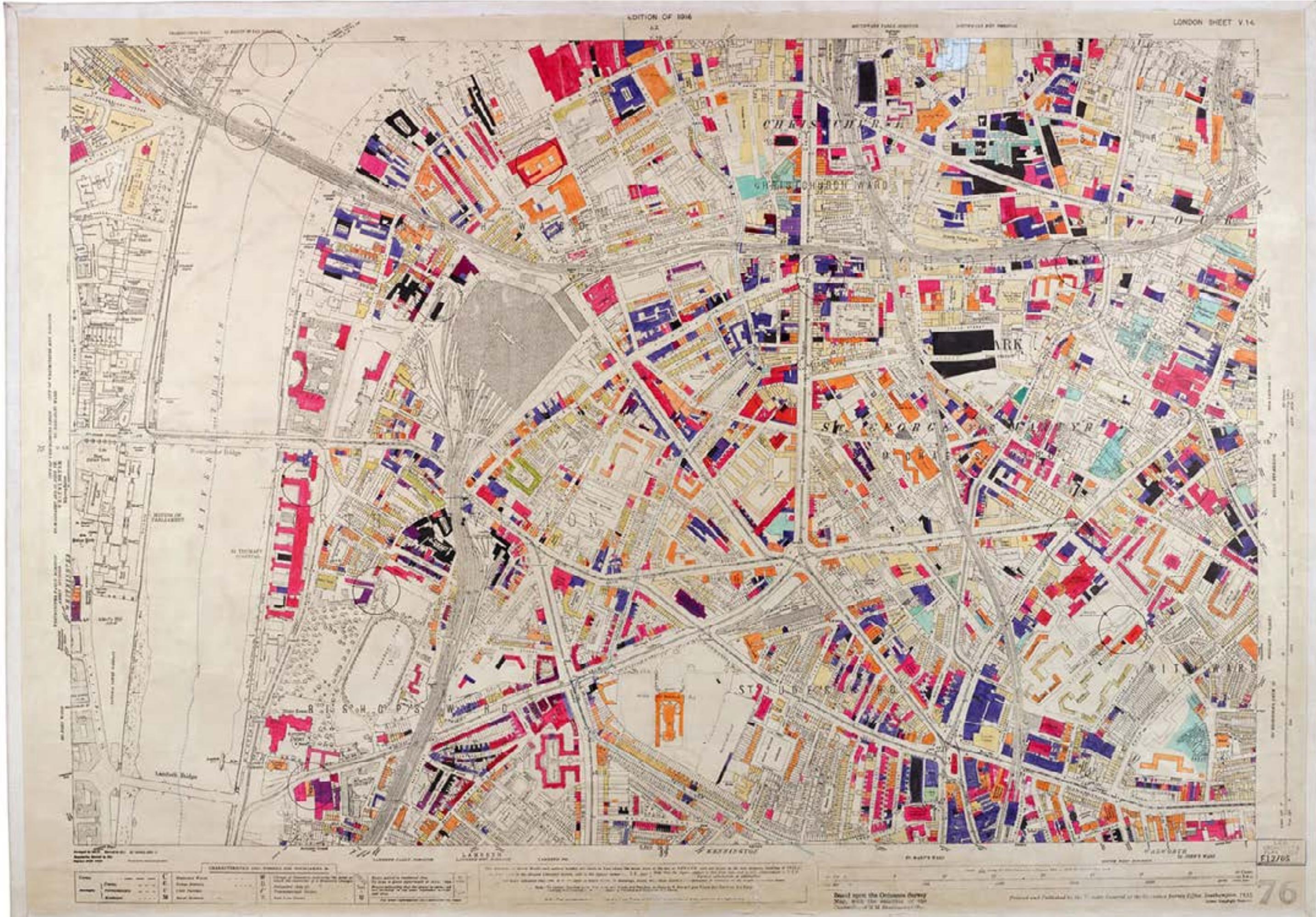
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**St. Paul's Cathedral**

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- + Blitz destroyed buildings and districts all over London
- + Economic depression during the war delayed the necessary rebuilding of London



Bomb sites around Southbank

- + Southbank heavily bombed but was never touched for reconstruction until years after the war
- + Originally a dense area for industrial and worker housing

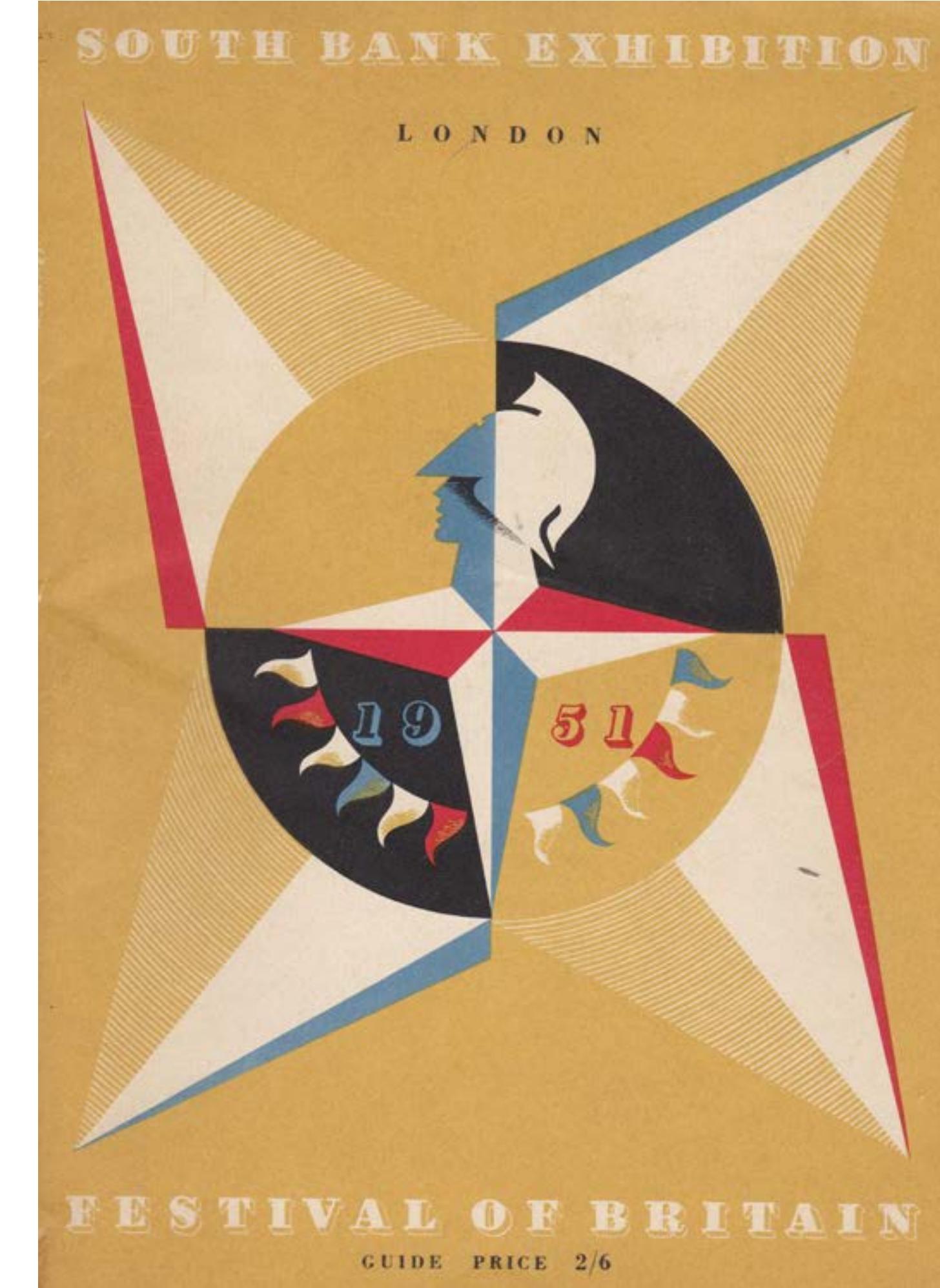


Southbank in 1895

- + Reconstruction began 1951 for the Festival of Britain, a celebration of British culture
- + New Modernist architecture created a more egalitarian environment



Festival of Britain



<http://alondoninheritance.com/eventsandceremonies/the-festival-of-britain-south-bank-exhibition/>

**“It is one of the great anomalies of the capital that while the river, from Westminster eastwards, is lined on the northside with magnificent buildings, the Southbank should present a depressing, semi-derelict appearance.”**

## County of London Plan, 1943

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