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## A CATALOGUE OF THE ROAD-BOOKS AND ITINERARIES OF GREAT BRITAIN

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[*Leland, John*. The Itinerary of John Leland, in or about the years 1535–43.]

(See below, 1710–12.)

*Grafton, Richard*. Graftons Abridgement of the Chronicles of Englande. Newly & diligently corrected, & finished the last of October, 1570. London, 1570. 12°.

Tables of roads are bound in at the end of the copy in the British Museum, but are imperfect and are not paged or mentioned in the table of contents of the volume. The earlier editions, of 1562, 1563 and 1564, have no roads.

— Graftons Abridgement of the Chronicles of Englande, newly corrected & augmented, to thys present yere of our Lord. 1572. And in thende of thys Abridgement is added a propre & necessary Treatise, conteynyng many good Rules, & specially one excellent maner of Computacion of yeres, wherby you maye readely finde the date & yeres of any euidēce. The particuler contentes of this Booke appereth in the next page folowing. London, 1572. 12°.

At the end: “Londini, In aedibus Richardi Tottell. Cum Priuilegio. 1572.” The last two paragraphs of “The Contentes of this booke” are: “All the Principall Faires in a more orderlye maner then hath ben heretofore set forthe. The high wayes also from one towne to an other muche larger then before hath ben set forthe.” The fairs are headed: “The Moneth, day & place, of all the principall Faires kept in England, more orderly & largelier set forth then heretofore hath ben.” They make up eight pages, followed by the highways in ten. The latter, headed as in Grafton’s “A litle treatise,” of 1571 and 1572, are set exactly as in the edition of that publication of 1572, that is to say in ten pages, in lieu of the nineteen pages of the earlier issue, and are followed by the same imprint.

*Grafton, Richard*. A litle treatise, conteynyng many proper Tables & rules, very necessary for the vse of al men, The contentes whereof

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appere in the next page folowing, Collected & set forthe by Richardi Grafton. London, 1571. 12°.

The contents include "All the Principall Faires\* in a more orderlye maner then hath ben heretofore set forthe. The high wayes also from one towne to an other moche larger then before hath ben set forth." The roads fill nineteen pages, arranged in single column, and are headed: "The high wayes from any notable towne in England to the Citie of London. And lykewise from one notable towne to an other, newly collected & set forth in a more larger & better maner then heretofore it hath ben." They are divisible into fifteen main routes to London, with twenty-three branch and cross-roads and alternative routes. The former are: (i) Saint Burien to Exeter and London; (ii) Helford to Southampton and London; (iii) Bristol to London; (iv) Berwick to York and London; (v) Saint David's to London; (vi) Carmarthen to London; (vii) Carnarvon to Chester and London; (viii) Cokermonth to Lancaster and Coventry, and so to London; (ix) Cambridge to London; (x) Oxford to London; (xi) Dover to London; (xii) Rye to London; (xiii) Yarmouth to Colchester and London; (xiv) Walsingham to London, and (xv) Yarmouth to Norwich and London.

— *Another issue.* London, 1572. 12°.

The roads are re-set in ten pages.

— A brief treatise conteinyng many proper Tables & easie rules, verie necessary & needeful, for the vse & commoditie of all people, collected out of certaine learned mens workes. The contentes whereof, the Page that followeth doeth expresse. Newly set fourth & allowed, accordyng to the Queenes Maiesties Iniunctions, Imprinted at London by Ihon Waley. London, [c. 1573?]. 12°.

— *Another issue.* London, 1576. 12°.

— *Another issue.* London, 1579. 12°.

— *Another issue.* London, 1582. 12°.

*W. W.* *Another issue*, "perused, corrected, & augmented by W. W." London, 1591. 12°.

— *Another issue.* London, 1593. 12°.

— *Another issue.* London, 1595. 12°.

— *Another issue.* London, 1596. 12°.

— *Another issue.* London, 1611. 12°.

\* Tables of fairs are first found in 1556, in Digges' "Prognostication Everlasting." They first occur in an almanack in 1560, in Henry Rocheforth's "An Almanack & prognosticatiō for this yere of our Lorde God M.DLX."

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*More, Philip.* An Almanack & Prognostication for xxxvii yeres, very profitable for all men, specially for Phisitions Chirurgions, men of Law, Marchants, Mariners husbandmen, & handicraftes men: \* \* \* Gathered by Philip More, practicioner in Phisicke & Chirurgerie. Imprinted at London by Henrie Binneman & Henrie Saunderson, & are to be solde in the Bursse at the 3. crownes Imperiall. London, 1571. 12°.

— *Another issue.* London, 1573. 12°.

*Stow, John.* A Summarie of the Chronicles of England, from the first coming of Brute into this land, vnto this present yeare of Christ 1575. Diligently collected, corrected & enlarged, by John Stowe Citizen of London. Imprinted at London by Richard Tottle & Henry Binneman. Cum priuilegio. London, 1575. 12°.

Contains, in addition to a list of fairs, tables of roads headed: "How a man may journey from any notable towne in Englande, to the Citye of London, or from London to any notable towne in the Realme," giving the following nine roads: (i) Walsingham to London; (ii) Berwick to York and London; (iii) Carnarvon to Chester and London; (iv) Cockermouth to Lancaster and London; (v) Yarmouth to Colchester and London; (vi) Dover to London; (vii) Saint Burien to London; (viii) Bristol to London, and (ix) Saint David's to London. This is the earliest edition in which the highways appear.

— *Another edition.* London, 1579. 12°.

— *Another edition.* London, 1584. 12°.

— *Another edition.* London, 1587. 12°.

— *Another edition.* London, 1590. 12°.

— *Another edition.* London, 1598. 12°.

— *Another edition.* London, 1604. 12°.

*H., E.* The Abridgement of the English Chronicle, First collected by M. John Stow, & after him augmented with very many memorable Antiquities, & continued with matters foreine & domesticall, vnto the beginning of the yeare, 1618. By E. H. Gentleman. London, 1618. Sm. 8°.

To the table of roads is added a route from Carlisle to Doncaster and London.

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*Rowlands, Richard.* The Post of the World. Wherein is containd the antiquities & originall of the most famous Cities in Europe. With their trade & traficke. With their wayes & distance of myles, from country to country. With the true & perfect knowledge of their Coynes, the places of their Mynts: with al their Martes & Fayres. And the Raignes of all the Kinges of England. A booke right necessary & profitable, for all sortes of persons, the like before this tyme not Imprinted. London, 1576. 12°.

A second title runs: "The Post for divers partes of the world: to travaile from one notable Citie unto an other, with a descripcion of the antiquities of divers famous Cities of Europe. The contents doe further apeare in the next leafe folowing. Very necessary & profitable for Gentlemen, Marchants, Factors, or any other persons disposed to travaile. The like not heretofore in English."

The roads in England are: (i) Dover to London; (ii) Oxford to London; (iii) Bristol to London; (iv) York to London; (v) Berwick to York, and (vi) Saint David's to London.

*Holinshed, Raphael.* The Chronicles of England, Scotlande, & Irelande, conteyning the description & Chronicles of England, from the first inhabiting unto the conquest. The description & Chronicles of Scotland, from the first originall of the Scottes nation, till the yeare of our Lorde. 1571. The description & Chronicles of Yrelande, likewise from the firste originall of that Nation untill the yeare 1547. Faithfully gathered & set forth, by Raphaell Holinshed. 3 vol. London, 1577. Fol.

Contains, besides "The principall Faires Kept in Englande," the highways of England, under the heading: "How a man may journey from any notable towne in England, to the Citie of London, or from London to any notable towne in the Realme," with the roads as follows: (i) Walsingham to London; (ii) Berwick to York and London; (iii) Carnarvon to Chester and London; (iv) Cocker mouth to Lancaster and London; (v) Yarmouth to Colchester and London; (vi) Dover to London; (vii) Saint Burien to London; (viii) Bristol to London; (ix) Saint David's to London; (x) Dover to Cambridge; (xi) Canterbury to Oxford, and (xii) London to Cambridge. This table follows that of Stow (1575 above) with the addition of the roads numbered x to xii. It is followed by a table headed "Of certeine waies in Scotland, out of Regnald Wolfes his Annotations," containing seven routes: (i) Berwick to Edinburgh; (ii) Edinburgh to Berwick (another way); (iii) Edinburgh to Dumbarton; (iv) Stirling to Kinghorn; (v) Kinghorn to the Taymouth; (vi) the Taymouth to Stockford in Ross and so to the Nesse of Harben; (vii) Carlisle to Whitehorn.

— *Another edition.* 3 vol. London, 1587. Fol.

— *Another edition.* 6 vol. London, 1807–8. 4°.

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*Christendom. Itinerarium Orbis Christiani. Itinerario di tutti i Paesi Christiani. Wegweiser des gantzen Christenthums. La Guide des chemins de tous les Pais de la Chrestienté.* No place, 1579. Sm. obl. 4°.

Atlas of thirty-seven maps of the countries of Europe, including England and Scotland. No roads are shown in Scotland, however, and in England only those (i) from Dover to Gravesend; (ii) from London to Salisbury, and (iii) from London to Lynn through Cambridge with a branch from Cambridge through Thetford to Norwich and Yarmouth.

*Bernard, Jean. La Guide des chemins d'Angleterre, fort necessaire à ceux qui y voyagent, ou qui passent de France par Angleterre en Escosse.* Paris, 1579. 8°.

— *Another edition.* Paris, 1587. 8°.

Sets out nine roads in England and Wales, namely: (i) Dover to London; (ii) London to Berwick; (iii) London to Walsingham; (iv) Carnarvon to Chester and London; (v) Cockermouth to Lancaster and London; (vi) Yarmouth to Colchester and London; (vii) Saint Burien to London; (viii) Bristol to London, and (ix) Saint David's to London.

*Adams, Frank.* Writing Tables with a Kalender for xxiii. yeres, with other necessary rules, the Contents therof you shall finde in the other side of this Leafe. Made at London, by Franke Adams, Stationer & Bookbinder, dwelling in Thames streete, at the signe of y<sup>e</sup> black Rauen, nere Londō Bridge, & are there to be sold: or else on the Ryal Exchange, at the signe of the halfe Rose, & halfe Sun next to the north doore, by Thomas Frethren. 1581. London, 1581. 36°.

The contents of this book include: "All y<sup>e</sup> high wayes frō any towne or citie, in Englād, to the citie of London, & the nūber of y<sup>e</sup> myles. All the principall Fayres in Englād, & where they are kept." The routes set out are: (i) Berwick to York and London; (ii) Cockermouth to Lancaster and London; (iii) Saint David's to Gloucester and London; (iv) Carmarthen to Worcester and London; (v) Carnarvon to Chester and London; (vi) Saint Burien to Exeter and London; (vii) Bristol to London; (viii) Lincoln to London; (ix) Nottingham to Leicester and London; (x) Boston to London; (xi) Cambridge to London; (xii) Oxford to London; (xiii) Dover to London; (xiv) Rye to London; (xv) Yarmouth to Ipswich and London; (xvi) Walsingham to London, and (xvii) Yarmouth to Norwich and London.

— *Another issue.* London, 1598. 36°.

— *Another issue.* London, 1600?. 36°.

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(See below, 1879.)

*Gray, Walter*. An Almanacke & Prognostication, made for the yeere of our Lorde. M.D. LXXXIX. And first after the Leape yeere. Rectified for the altitude & Meridian of Dorchester, serving most aptly for the West partes, & generally for all Englande. By Walter Gray, Gentleman. London, 1589. 12°.

Tables of roads are inserted in this almanack, headed: "A perfect direction of the best & rediest hygh wayes, from any notabe (*sic*) Towne in England, to the citie of London, & from the citie of London, to any notable Towne; & Lykewyse from one notabe (*sic*) Towne to another." The roads are those found in "A litle treatise" 1571 and 1572, but arranged in a different order.

— *Another issue*. London, 1595. 12°.

*Germany. Kronn und Auszbundt aller Wegweiser. \* \* \* Gedruckt zu Cölln. Durch L'ambercum Andree. In Fahr M.D. XCVII. Cologne, 1597. 4°.*

Includes *Wegzaiger ausz etlichen vornehmen Stätten von Englandt*, and the following English roads: From London (i) to Saint Buriens; (ii) to Bristol; (iii) to Saint David's; (iv) to Carnarvon, by Lichfield; (v) to Cocker mouth; (vi) to Berwick; (vii) to Lynn; (viii) to Walsingham; (ix) to Yarmouth, by Norwich; (x) to Yarmouth by Ipswich, and (xi) to Calais, by Dover.

[*Hentznerus, Paulus. Itinerarium \* \* \* Angliae, 1598.*]

(See below, 1612.)

*England*. A Table of the chieffest Cities, & Townes in England, as they ly from London, & the distance of miles, howe a man may travill from London to any of them or from any of them to London. London, [c. 1610?]. Single sheet.

This is a nearly square wood-cut, containing a circular arrangement of thirteen roads radiating from London, as follows: to York; to Lincoln; to Cambridge; to Norwich; to Yarmouth; to Dover; to Rye; to Southampton; to Exeter; to Bristol; to Hereford; to Worcester, and to Chester, with the stages shown on each route. It is "London Printed by Walter Dight, at the signe of the Harpe in shoo-lane."

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*Hopton, Arthur.* A Concordancy of Yeares. Containing a new, easie, & most exact Computation of Time, according to the English Account. Also the use of the English & Roman Kalender, with briefe Notes, Rules, & Tables, as well Mathematicall & Legal, as Vulgar, for each private Mans Occasion. London, 1612. 12°.

— *Another issue.* London, 1615. 12°.

— *Another issue.* London, 1616. 12°.

— [*Penkethman, John.*] *Another issue*, enlarged. London, 1635. 12°.

Contains "A Geographical Description of the Wayes from one notable towne to another"; tables of the correct weights of gold coins, and tables of equivalency, with "A briefe remembrance of the principall Faies in England & Wales."

*Hentznerus, Paulus.* *Itinerarium Germaniae, Galliae; Angliae; Italiae; Scriptum à Paulo Hentznero ꝑC. Norimbergae, Sumtibus Autoris, et typis Abrahami Wagenmanni excusum.* c15 15 cxii. Nuremberg. 1612. 4°.

— *Another edition.* Breslau, 1617. 4°.

— *Another edition.* Nuremberg, 1618. 4°.

— *A new edition.* Nuremberg, 1629. 8°.

— *Another edition.* Leipsic, 1661. 8°.

The roads followed are those from Rye to London, London to Cambridge, Cambridge to Oxford, Oxford to London, and London to Dover.

*Rudston, John.* An Almanacke & Prognostication, for the Yeare of our Lord God, 1615\*. By John Rudston Math. London. Printed for the Companie of Stationers. London, [1615]. 8°.

\* A large number of rival series of almanacks, prognostications and similar ephemeral publications appeared year by year throughout the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and even continued into the nineteenth century, most of them giving tables of the highways of England and Wales in one form or another. It would be extremely cumbersome to insert in this catalogue the whole of the annual production of this long series. Representative titles have, therefore, been selected, which give a sufficient clue to examples fairly covering the whole period and available for study in the public collections. These will be found under the dates [1615]–1619, Rudston (above); 1638, Rivers; 1656–1802, Riders; 1656–1841, Woodhouse; 1686–1712, City & Countrey Chapman's Almanack, etc.; 1705, Traveller's & Chapman's Daily Instructor.

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— A Prognostication, for the yeere of our Lord God, 1619. London, 1619. 8°.

In the above is found: "The Geographical description of waies from one notable Towne to another, over all England, & thereby how to travell from any of them to the City of London, set forth after a new order by A. H." Fifteen routes are given. Rudston adopts a tabular arrangement not previously used.

*Norden, John.* England: An Intended Guyde, For English Travellers. Shewing in generall, how far one Citie, & many Shire-Townes in England, are distant from other. Together, with the Shires in particular: & the Cheife Townes in every of them. With a generall Table, of the most of the principall Townes in Wales. Invented & Collected, By John Norden. London, 1625. 4°.

*English Traveller.* A Direction for the English Traveller, by which he Shal be inabled to Coast about all England & Wales. And also to know how farre any Market or noteable Towne in any Shire lyeth one from an other, & Whether the same be East, West, North, or South from ye Shire Towne. As also the distance betweene London & any other Shire or great towne: with the scituation thereof East, West, North, or South from London. By the help also of this worke one may know (in what Parish, Village, or Mansion house soever he be in) What Shires, he is to passe thorough & which way he is to travell, till he come to his Journies End. London, 1635. 8°.

— *Another issue.* London, 1636. 8°.

— *Another issue,* with the maps re-engraved on a larger scale. London, 1643. Sm. 4°.

— *Another issue.* London, 1677\*. 16°.

— *Another issue.* London, 1680\*. 16°.

*Rivers, Peregrine.* An Almanack for 1638. Cambridge, 1638. 16°.

In this almanack is "A plain description of the high wayes in England & Wales, now the second time enlarged, in a more perfect manner then heretofore hath been published, with the use of the same by example." The roads are arranged in the tabular form introduced by Rudston.

\* These issues are noted from entries by J. Garrett in the Term Catalogues 28 May, 1677 and May, 1680.

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*Coulon, Louis. Le fidèle Conducteur pour le voyage d'Angleterre. Montrant, Exactly les Raretez & choses Remarquables qui se trouuent en chaques Villes, & les distances d'icelles, avec un dénombrement des Batailles qui s'y sont données. Par le Sieur Coulon. A Troyes, Chez Nicolas Oudot, Et se vendent, A Paris, Chez Gervais Clouzier, Marchand Libraire au Palais, sur les degrez de la Ste. Chapelle. M. DC. LIV. Avec Privilege du Roy. Troyes, 1654. 8°.*

The roads shown are, from London (i) to Dover; (ii) to Berwick and into Scotland; (iii) to Walsingham; (iv) to Chester and to Carnarvon in Wales; (v) to Lancaster and to Cockermouth; (vi) to Yarmouth; (vii) to Saint Burien in Cornwall; (viii) to Bristol, and (ix) to Saint David's in Wales, being the same as those in Jean Bernard's Guide of 1579.

*Porter, Thomas. A New Booke of Mapps, Being a ready Guide or Direction for any Stranger, or other, who is to Travel in any part of the Cōmon-wealth of England, Scotland, & Ireland. \* \* \* I. Alphabetical Tables, shewing the Longitude & Latitude of all the Towns named in the said Maps; \* \* \* II. Tables of the High-wayes in England, Wales, & Ireland, Alphabetically methodized; which hath made them very plaine. III. Tables as easie as an Almanack \* \* \* And other usefull Tables. By Thomas Porter. London, 1655. 12°.*

"Scotlands Alphabetical Table" is found in this little book, but there are no Scottish Roads, only those of England and Ireland being shown.

*Riders, Schardanus. [From 1672, Cardanus Riders, and from 1727, Cardanus Rider.] Riders: 1656. British Merlin: \* \* \* With many necessary Tables, containing directions for such as use Marts & Fairs; also for Travellers that coast the Common-wealth. London, 1656. 12°. [1656-1841.]*

Contains "A true & plain Description of the Highways in England & Wales," setting out thirty-eight roads, filling five pages. This almanack appeared annually up to 1841. Roads are given until at least as late as 1802, but had disappeared in the edition of 1805. They continue in the form adopted in 1656 to the year 1751; in 1752 they are set in columns, with the heading: "A Table of the principal direct Roads in England & Wales, & of several other Roads which branch out of the direct Roads, Etc. according to the computed & measured Distances," and a text and arrangement differing from those previously used. This table fills six pages. In 1756 the old form is resumed, in five pages, "according to the Measured Distances," and this continued until 1802.

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*England and Wales.* A Book of the Names of all Parishes, Market Towns, Villages, Hamlets, & smallest Places, in England & Wales. Alphabetically set down, as they be in every Shire. With the Names of the Hundreds in which they are, & how many Towns there are in every Hundred. So that naming any Town or Place in England & Wales, you may presently in the Alphabet find it, & know in what Shire & Hundred it is, & so know the distance from it to the Shire Town, & in the large Table for Shires in England how far to London, or from it to any other Town in England. A Work very necessary for Travellers, Quartermasters, Gatherers of Breefs, Strangers, Carriers, & Messengers with Letters, & all others that know the name of the place, but can neither tell where it is, nor how to goe unto it. London, 1657. 4°.

— *Another edition.* London, 1662. 4°.

— *Another edition.* London, 1668. 4°.

— *Another edition.* London, 1677. 4°.

This book is a continuation of "A Direction for the English Traveller," (above, 1635–1643), with the addition of printed lists of places.

*Woodhouse, John.* A plaine almanack or prognostication for 1659. London, 1659. 8°.

This almanack has a range in time, so far as has been ascertained, from 1606 to 1708. It contains the fairs from 1613, but the roads are not introduced till as late as 1659. They are then fifteen in number and are copied, apparently, from Rudston's tables of 1615, perpetuating his errors in the names of places.

*Ogilby, John.* *Britannia*, Volume the First: or, an Illustration of the Kingdom of England & Dominion of Wales: By a Geographical & Historical Description of the Principal Roads thereof. Actually Ad-measured & Delineated in a Century of Whole-Sheet Copper Sculps. London, 1675. Fol.

— *Another edition.* London, 1698. Fol.

*Speed, John.* The Theatre of the Empire of Great-Britain. London, 1676. Fol.

In this (the last) edition of the "Theatre" are added five double-page tables of "The Principal Roads, & their Branches leading to the Cities & chief Towns in England