

WESTMINSTER BRIDGE circa 1810

Stipple engraving by C. Hall after W. Tombleson

This view of the River Thames with boats and figures in the foreground shows the Old Palace of Westminster on the far bank some twenty years before it was largely destroyed by fire in October 1834. Beneath the two towers of Westminster Abbey, the Old Palace buildings were dominated by the long roof of Westminster Hall, the Great Hall of the Medieval Palace, which was to survive the fire into the present day as part of Sir Charles Barry's New Palace of Westminster built in the 1840s and 50s. The stone bridge in the picture dates from 1739 - 1750; it was demolished and replaced with the present cast iron version in 1854 - 62.



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