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A MAGNIFICENT VICTORIAN GOTHIC PORTLAND STONE ENTRANCEWAY TOP

Formerly the grand entranceway to No.1 Victoria Street, City of London the arched aperture with registers of framing mouldings flanked with twin square section turrets with spired roofs, the triangular pediment incised with the title of the City of London block "Mansion House Buildings", (the original carved heads of Gogmagog and Corinaeus now lacking, as is the ornamental carving to the top triangle, and the massive stone and granite jambs),

DIMENSIONS: 417cm (164^{3/4}") High, 345cm (135^{3/4}") Wide, 100cm (39^{3/4}") Deep, (arch only = 192cm h as per display)

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HISTORY

This grand doorcase centred the flank of the wedge shaped building that stood in the triangle formed by Victoria St and Poultry. It overlooked notable neighbours : The Mansion House and The Bank of England. It was controversially demolished to make way for James Stirling's stripy building of 1997.

John Maddison of The Victorian Society about this demolished and much missed building: "J&J Belcher's joyfully Gothic Mappin & Webb building, marching in among the great classical monuments at the head of an army of variously dressed Victorian mercenaries, points up the scale and grandeur of public buildings, lending historical depth to their content in a way that is the quintessence of the City's traditional architectural character"

