



The trial of the Earl of Strafford by Parliament

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Abbildung der Session des Parlaments zu London Uber den Sententz des Grafen von Stafford.

Frankfurt, 1643. Etching. 255 x 275mm.

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A record of the 1641 trial of Thomas Wentworth (1593-1641) by Parliament in Westminster Hall, for 'high misdemeanours' while Lord Deputy of Ireland. Although the title is in German there is a 25-point key in English underneath, marking the notable attendees, including Wentworth and Charles I & Queen Henrietta Maria. Caught between king and Parliament in the disputes that led to the Civil War, Wentworth was attaindered, sentenced to death against Charles's wishes and beheaded on Tower Hill. The plate was etched by Wenceslaus Hollar, famous for the large prospect of London that was published while he was abroad with his royal patrons during the Civil War.

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