

The Royal Exchange of London, 1640s



Thomas Gresham's Royal Exchange opened in London in 1570. It was modeled on the Antwerp Bourse and was designed to bring international merchants together to buy and sell goods. It included two floors of luxury shops. Linda Levy Peck, *Consuming Splendor: Society and Culture in Seventeenth Century London*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005, p. 44.