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Daily Mail First Indian Restaurant

In 1810, five years after the Battle of Trafalgar and five before the Battle of Waterloo, Sake Dean Mahomed opened Britain's first Indian restaurant in a fashionable London street.

Although it closed within two years and the Luftwaffe destroyed the building it occupied in the Blitz, the site was yesterday honoured with a plaque to salute its heritage as the forerunner of take-aways and restaurants in cities, towns and villages.

Unveiling it on the side of the flats which now stand on the site of 102 George Street, Marylebone, the Lord Mayor of Westminster Tim Joiner said : "We are celebrating 195 years of the Indian curry house in Britain."