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Early Victorian Pocket Sextant by Horne & Co of Newgate Street London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1016504****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 5 cm (2.0")

Width = 9.5 cm (3.7")

Depth = 9.5 cm (3.7")

Description

For sale, an early Victorian boxed sextant by Horne & Co of Newgate Street, London with original case. This fine instrument is enclosed under a substantial brass protective lid with brass knurled edge to assist in unscrewing it from the instrument. Once removed the lid is inverted and then screwed to a corresponding thread at the other side of the sextant thus forming a base and also a thicker gripping section for the observer's left hand when using the instrument. The lid is further engraved to the original owner, a George Coote, Witham (in the Count of Essex). The instrument is in super condition, the face measures 3" in diameter with a large knurled brass screw which operates both a horizontal mirror plate within the sextant and also operates the vernier arm which traverses across the top of the drum against its corresponding silver engraved scale which also has an adjustable magnifier for accuracy of reading. A smaller brass knob is fitted to the top of the drum which may be unscrewed and fitted to the side of the instrument, to assist fine adjustment. The side of the drum provides two options for observation, namely a small two draw telescope which fits neatly int...

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