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Antique H. HUGHES Marine Ships Octant with Original Mahogany Carrying Case

Price

Reserved**Item Reference: SA1108299****Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Description

For sale a rare late antique octant with it's original mahogany carrying case. The octant is comprised of an ebony frame with a brass index arms and Vernier. It has an inlaid and engraved scale (0-105) and inlaid plates on the front of the frame. The front inlay on the central strut remains blank. The left arm of the frame retains two lots three shades, one green two red which are fixed on a pivot between the index and horizon glasses, whilst the right has its original sighting pinnula which is screwed into the base. It has two brass feet for resting the instrument upon when not in use. On the inside of the case lid is what we understand is the makers label which reads 'H. HUGHES. Optical, Nautical & Mathematical Instrument Maker 59 Fenchurch St, London'. The H.HUGHES Company is listed in 'Barometer Makers & Retailers 1660 - 1900 by Edwin Banfield': 'HUGHES, Henry. w1830-76. Mathematical. Instrument maker. 120 Fenchurch St, London. He moved to 120 Fenchurch St around 1835 where he established a Navigation Warehouse under the trade name of 'Little Midshipman'. This became a well known rendezvous for seamen. The street number was changes to 59 Fenchurch St in 1855.' it...

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