

SA1208920

Late Eighteenth Century Three Draw Telescope by Jesse Ramsden in Original Case

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1208920****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 24 cm (9.4")

Width = 5 cm (2.0")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

For sale, a Late Eighteenth Century three draw telescope in original case by Jesse Ramsden, London. This fine example consists of a three-draw achromatic telescope with a 1.5" objective lens, original dust cap and rich mahogany barrel. The telescope measures, 71cms extended and 24cms closed and is engraved for the maker, Ramsden, London to the first draw. The instrument retains its original two-part case which is comprised of shagreen covered boxwood tube with an outer leather layer. A superb example by perhaps the most famous and renowned of all English Scientific Instrument makers. Jesse Ramsden had a supreme introduction to the London instrument making trade through an apprenticeship with Edward Nairne. Upon gaining his freedom, he set up in business in The Strand in 1763 where his association with the upper echelons of the trade were further confirmed in 1766 through his marriage to John Dollond's youngest daughter Sarah. He set up premises in The Haymarket in 1771 and with continuing prosperity, the business moved once again to a prime location at 199 Piccadilly. During the 1770's, his relationship with the Dollond family was somewhat marred by events that eve...

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