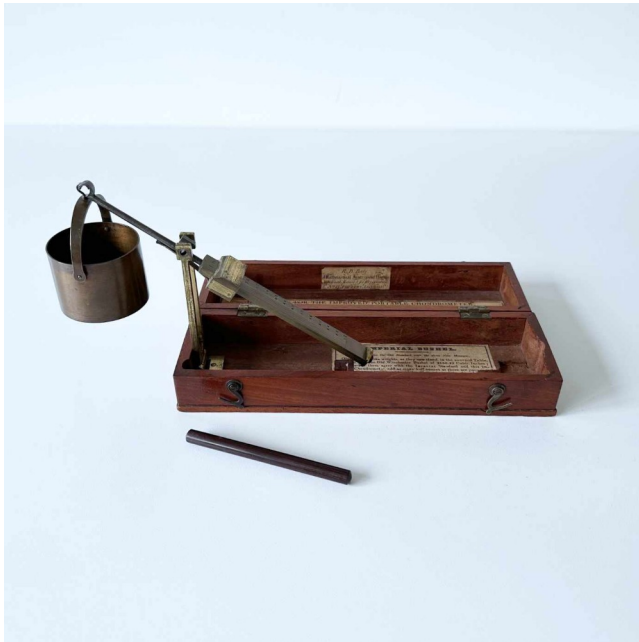


SA1211652

Pre Imperial Act Improved Portable Chondrometer by Robert Brettell Bate of 17 Poultry London

Price

GBP 695

| USD \$940 | EUR 813

Item Reference: SA1211652

Date of manufacture: 1800

Dimensions

Height = 5 cm (2.0")

Width = 23 cm (9.1")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

For sale, a rare pre-Imperial "Improved Portable Chondrometer" by Robert Brettell Bate of 17 Poultry, London. This style of chondrometer or grain scale became largely popularised following an Act of Parliament on the 1st of January 1826 introducing the imperial form of measurement under George IV. The steelyard type scale was primarily used as a measure of the bulk density of grain and therefore quality of the product. Most examples come with separate stand, balance arm and measuring receptacle but this early Bate example is highly unusual as it clearly dates to prior to the Act of Parliament that formalised the new standards on January 1st 1826. It is first evident from the paper inlay within the lid that outlines the Directions for the Improved Portable Chondrometer, where the weight examples differ from those which are ordinarily found on Bate "Post Act" chondrometers. My suspicion is that this chondrometer was manufactured just prior to the Weights & Measures Act of 1824 and its accession to Parliament in January 1826. It is likely to have been a time of significant disruption in the UK and the addition of the label stating "Imperial Bushel" in the base of the case...

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