

SA1211917

Early Victorian Cooke's Drainage Level in Mahogany Case Retailed by L Casella & Co

Price

GBP 495

| USD \$669 | EUR 579

Item Reference: SA1211917**Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 6.5 cm (2.6")

Width = 23.5 cm (9.3")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

For sale, an early Victorian Cooke's Drainage Level in original mahogany case retailed by L Casella & Co, London. This simple level engraved with Cooke's Drainage level to one side of the barrel and to L Casella and Co to the other, has a short 18cm brass barrel with "superior telescope, cross lines etched on the glass and ball and socket joint" as described in Casella's catalogue of 1860. It has an integral bubble level fitted within the top of the barrel and fine tilt adjustment underneath by means of the large, knurled screw. The smaller knurled brass screw in front allows the release and adjustment of the ball and socket joint which would attach to a tripod stand or staff. According to Casella, the level is "strongly recommended by the Royal English, the Royal Irish, and the Highland Agricultural Societies". Described variously in catalogues as a drainage level or Agricultural Drainage Level this instrument is likely to have been one of Thomas Cooke's earliest trading successes since it was first advertised by Thomas Cooke in 1849 before he had established his Buckingham Works and it remained a standard product for many retailers until at least the end of the Ninete...

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