

SA492324

Three Draw Telescope by Matthew Berge (Late Ramsden) owned by Horatio Stewart 95th Rifles

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA492324****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 25 cm (9.8")

Width = 5 cm (2.0")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

A George III three draw brass and mahogany telescope by Matthew Berge (Late Ramsden), London owned by Horatio Stewart of the Rifle Brigade, son of Sir William Stewart, founder of the regiment. This superior telescope comes complete with its original leather field carrying case (strap and buckle strap a later replacement) marked with pen and ink to Horatio Stewart. The telescope itself is further inscribed to "Horatio Stewart, Rifle Brigade" with the maker's engraving to the first draw running left to right away from the eyepiece as is normal for telescopes from this period. It is marked to, "M. Berge, London. Late Ramsden." Of itself this piece is an item of superior quality coming from the workshops of Matthew Berge. His early instruments are signed "Late Ramsden" as he took over the business of the notable scientific instrument maker, Jesse Ramsden following his death in November of 1800. Berge had been Ramsden's foreman for many years prior to this, so was well placed to continue Ramsden's legacy. He was in fact an executor of his will. Berge continued to trade from Ramsden's workshop at 199 Piccadilly after paying off debts associated with repairs and building work...

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