

SA500985

Mid-Victorian Single Draw Day & Night Presentation Telescope by J, Sewill of Liverpool & London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA500985****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 90 cm (35.4")

Width = 6 cm (2.4")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

A mid-Victorian single draw "Day & Night" presentation telescope by J Sewill of Liverpool & London. Maker's to the Admiralty. This superb brass telescope has a large 41.5 cm single draw and an overall extended length of 90cms. It maintains its original leather covering to the barrel, protective brass slide to the eyepiece and extending sun shade to the end. The sun shade is engraved with the following detail, "The Langton Prize for proficiency in navigation. Presented to Henry Gordon Cumming. June 1875". There remains little detail regarding the Langton Prize but it would presumably have been created in remembrance of some famous previous scholar at the school or marine training college from which it was awarded. The recipient is likewise difficult to track down but the surname of Gordon-Cumming is very closely related to the Baccarat scandal involving the Royal Family in the early twentieth century. I cannot confirm any relation to this family at present but further research may add some clarity. The date of the prize does however match with the dates for which the company, J. Sewill were trading at the addresses on the draw tube. Written from left to right towards the...

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