

SA567336

George III Gregorian Library Reflector Telescope by Wellington of Soho, London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA567336****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 52 cm (20.5")

Width = 75 cm (29.5")

Depth = 35 cm (13.8")

Description

A late eighteenth century Gregorian reflector or reflecting telescope by Wellington of Crown Court, Soho, London. This large and magnificent brass terrestrial and astronomical library telescope is 30" long with a diameter of four and a quarter inches. Focus is achieved by means of a threaded length of brass which connects to an internal ratchet which in turn moves a small concave ellipsoid mirror within the barrel. Light is reflected onto this mirror by means of a concave paraboloid mirror at the top of the barrel and where it can then be viewed through the eyepiece. The telescope is mounted upon a heavy brass tripod which has retracting legs and the makers name "Wellington, Crown Court, Soho, London" is beautifully engraved at the base of the column. IT is complete with its original brass end cap. Telescopes by this maker rarely appear on the market although the family traded from 1784 to 1827. The founder Alexander Wellington began work in Sherborne Lane, Lombard St, London in 1784 but had moved to their more commonly known address of 20 Crown Court, Soho, London by 1788 where the family continued to trade until the company closed its doors. Alexander Wellington died ...

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