

SA568217

Large Single Draw Marine Telescope by Edward Dixey, London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA568217****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 94 cm (37.0")

Width = 6 cm (2.4")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

For sale, a large mahogany barrelled single draw marine telescope by Edward Dixey of London. This magnificently constructed refracting telescope has a thirty seven inch barrel of brass and beautifully figured mahogany with a two and a quarter inch objective lens that has a beautiful green hue from the crown and flint glass doublet employed. Fully extended, the telescope measures forty four and a quarter inches and has a single draw with the makers marks, "Dixey London, Improved" engraved with the writing running towards the eyepiece (the standard changed in and around the 1820's when engraving was written away from the eyepiece). The flat eyepiece has its original protective dust slide and the telescope maintains a sharp focus. The family name of Dixey is perhaps best known for Edward's son Charles Wastell Dixey or CW Dixey which still trades today as a manufacturer and retailer of high end spectacle. The story of the dynasty however, is comprised of two strands of history. The present company's history on its website is told in relation to the premises at 3 New Bond Street of which the company of G&C Dixey took over in 1825 from William Hawks Grice. Grice had traded at...

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