

SA595442

William IV Three Draw Telescope by Cox of Devonport - Reginald J Cheetham Collection

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA595442****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 25 cm (9.8")

Width = 5 cm (2.0")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

For sale, a William IV period three draw telescope by Cox of Devonport from the collection of Reginald J Cheetham. Comprised of brass with a wonderfully figured mahogany barrel, the telescope measures 25cms retracted, 76cms at its full extent with a one and three quarter inch objective lens retained under its original brass end cap. The telescope also includes a sliding sunshade, dust shield to the flat ended eyepiece and is engraved on the first draw with the maker "Cox of Devonport" and "Optician to the RWYC" with the script reading towards the eyepiece. This example has the weight of quality and has a fine balance in the hand, a super example of this company's output. The Cox family were certainly trading as opticians and scientific instrument makers from the beginnings of the nineteenth century, having an establishment date of 1806. Records suggest that a William Cox was trading at this period and later in 1822, a William Charles Cox (who may be one in the same or a son) had premises across Fore Street and Southside Street until 1857. His advertisements from this period, announce him as an "optical and nautical instrument maker". Taking advantage of the necessary r...

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