

SA603989

Late Eighteenth Century Desktop Library Telescope by George Adams of Fleet Street

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA603989****Date of manufacture: 1750**

Dimensions

Height = 46 cm (18.1")

Width = 7 cm (2.8")

Depth = 112 cm (44.1")

Description

For sale a late eighteenth century achromatic desktop library telescope by George Adams of Fleet Street. London. A telescope of outstanding quality from one of the foremost London scientific instrument makers of the period, it is comprised of a 29 inch tapering main barrel with a two inch objective couplet lens arrangement, a rack and pinion movement for fine focussing and the maker's name "G. Adams, London" expertly engraved to the top of the tube. The fine focus rack and pinion movement operates a short 2 inch draw tube with a further hand adjustable 16" draw tube incorporated within, making a fully extended length of around 46 inches and maintaining good optics. The body of the telescope is rested upon a solid brass 16 inch high tripod base with tapering shaft upon articulated legs. The sheer quality and attention to detail of this piece is unmistakable from the tripod feet reminiscent of furniture from the period, to the knurled screws that affix the telescope to its base and for the lightness of touch to the instrument itself. This level of craftsmanship simply does not exist anymore, and is a sheer pleasure. Although the output of George Adams Senior and George ...

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