

SA635468

George III Cased Double Framed Sextant by Robert Brettell Bate of Poultry, London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA635468****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 13 cm (5.1")

Width = 33 cm (13.0")

Depth = 28 cm (11.0")

Description

For sale, a rare mahogany cased early nineteenth century double framed sextant by Robert Brettell Bate of Poultry, London. The double frame is the most prized of all sextants amongst collectors and was devised by the equally famous Edward Troughton in 1788. This example is comprised of two frames connected by numerous pillars with index arm containing a Vernier and clamp release with adjustable magnifier over the top. The silvered arc is divided from 0 – 140 degrees and is signed to 'Bate, Poultry, London' to the base. It has four index shades and three horizon shades and a telescope (not original). The back has an original ebony handle and telescope adjustment screw. The sextant comes complete with its original case and has a brass fouled anchor bearing the initials 'AR' to the top. There is a crack in both the index mirror and the horizon glass which could be replaced upon request but I have chosen to leave them both in place for reasons of originality. This and the lack of original telescope are both reflected in the price. Given all of the above, this is a superbly crafted and rare sextant from an early period. Examples of this quality by good makers are scarce an...

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