

SA652510

FINE MARINE CHRONOMETER BY DENT

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA652510****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 24 cm (9.4")

Width = 22 cm (8.7")

Depth = 22 cm (8.7")

Description

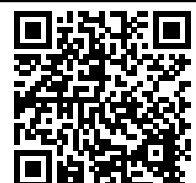
A rather special two-day MARINE CHRONOMETER by the famous maker M. J. Dent of London fitted within its original coromandel wood 3-tier case complete with brass military-style handles and original locking key. To the middle tier is a bone plaque engraved: M. J. Dent, 33 Cockspur St London and the number 29479. This chronometer, set within gymbals, is of traditional 54-hour duration with subsidiary dials for seconds and state of the winding whilst both hour & minute hands are of gold. The movement, which is in perfect working order, features spring detente escapement and "Harrisons" maintaining power. The silvered dial is engraved with full details of the maker and the number of the clock. Complete with original winding key. Marine Chronometers by Dent are rare, particularly in coromandel-wood cases... *** Much is written about the Dent family ~ perhaps their most famous clock is "Big Ben" in Parliament Square which was completed in 1856. Edward J. Dent established his business in 1814 achieving great success ~ his chronometer (No. 633) was placed aboard HMS Beagle to accompany Charles Darwin on his epic trip which lead to the famous "Origin of the Species" publicatio...

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