

SA653504

William IV Marine Night Glass by George Stebbing Optician to The Royal Yacht Squadron

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA653504****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 43 cm (16.9")

Width = 8 cm (3.1")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

For sale, a William IV period marine night telescope or night glass by George Stebbing of Portsmouth. Optician to the Royal Yacht Squadron. This rare type of maritime or navigational telescope was designed specifically for night observations or for poor light conditions and its size and lens structure was produced accordingly. The two and a quarter inch objective lens would have been conceived to allow for as much natural light to enter the large 3 inch diameter barrel of the telescope and the eyepiece and single draw tube contains a further two lenses. The combination of lenses presents an intentionally inverted image as an additional erector lens (making it a refracting telescope) would also reduce the overall power of the instrument and thus defeat the purpose. The leather covered barrel measures 43cms when closed and 55cms when drawn to its full extent. The draw is engraved to "George Stebbing, Portsmouth, Optician etc to the RYS" and the word, "Night" to denote its use. It also retains its original dust slide to the eyepiece and objective lens cap with further dust slide which when open creates a 1 inch aperture for the main objective. A near contemporary publicati...

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