

SA692692

George III Period Library Telescope on Stand by Gilbert & Sons London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA692692****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 113 cm (44.5")

Width = 6.5 cm (2.6")

Depth = 6.5 cm (2.6")

Description

For sale, a George II Period library telescope on stand by Gilbert & Sons of London. This sleekly proportioned example measures 113cms in length and 120cms fully extended and has a two and a quarter inch objective lens. It is nicely engraved to Gilbert & Sons, London to the front of the barrel and maintains its original lens cap. The lenses are all in great condition with good focus and the ratchet mechanism for fine focus continues to work smoothly. It comes complete with its beautifully manufactured solid brass tripod. As to be expected of an instrument coming from this maker's pedigree, the brasswork is superbly executed with lots of fine attention to detail all the way down to the retaining screws that fix the telescope to the stand. It is a joy to use and examine in equal measure. During the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, the Gilbert family of Tower Hill carried a huge reputation, rivalling that of the Dollond and Ramsden for their skill of manufacture. The first family member to come to prominence as a scientific instrument maker was John Gilbert Snr. After beginning an apprenticeship in 1709 with a John Johnson he began trading after the customary se...

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