

SA699424

Huge Victorian Four Draw Marine Telescope by S&B Solomons of London

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA699424

Date of manufacture: 1860

Dimensions

Height = 126 cm (49.6")

Width = 8 cm (3.1")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

For sale, an enormous Victorian four draw marine telescope by S&B Solomons of London. Measuring just 40cms when closed it extends to 126cms when fully extended and has a tapering leather covered barrel in order to incorporate a large 3 inch diameter objective lens. The scope retains its original lens cap and eyepiece dust slide and is engraved to "S&B Solomons, London W" to the first draw. Presumably from Jewish extraction, the opticians Samuel & Benjamin Solomons traded from 1832 to 1879 but there is scant information available on this long and prosperous partnership. They traded primarily from the address at 39 Albemarle Street in Piccadilly opposite The York Hotel and are noted in the archives as having lodged a registered design in 1863. From advertisements in the same year it seems likely that this was for their "patent tinted spectacles" for which they proclaimed that their invention was "patronised by the majority of nobility including Viscount Palmerston". Earlier in 1839, advertisements in the Spectator for the company's "newly-invented operative voice conductor", (a hearing aid), proudly proclaims that they were "opticians and aurists to Their Majesties the K...

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