

SA703876

Dollond Telescope Owned by Robert Fulke Greville, Equerry to King George III

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA703876****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 23.5 cm (9.3")

Width = 4 cm (1.6")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

For sale a late eighteenth century three draw achromatic telescope by Dollond, engraved to the owner, The Honorable Robert Fulke Greville, Equerry and later Groom of The Bedchamber to King George III. The leather bound telescope has a one and a half inch objective lens and measures 23.5 cms closed and 72.5cms fully extended. The eyepiece has original dustslide and is engraved to Dollond London. The objective end is further engraved to, "The Honble Robert Fulke Greville" Greville was born in 1751, the son of Francis Greville, 1st Earl of Warwick who was restored to the Earldom in 1760 by George III. After leaving Edinburgh University, Greville obtained a commission in 1768 as Cornet in the 10th Dragoons, was Lieutenant in 1772, Captain in the 1st Foot Guards by 1775 and later Lieutenant Colonel in 1777. His army career was somewhat inactive but in 1781 he became Equerry to King George III. As such, Greville was a first hand witness to the King's first bout of madness that lasted between 1788 & 1789 and he wrote a very detailed diary account that now resides in The Royal Collection. The contents of the diary were not published until 1930 over concerns of damage to The R...

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